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Those demands will be counterbalanced by Conservative pressure for earlier cuts in public expenditure than the Chancellor proposes, with defence, as Mr Wilson pointed out again yesterday, always excepted.

[When Mrs Thatcher stung Mr Wilson about increased income tax on the average household, he replied: "Mrs Thatcher knows that these figures have been referred to by the Chancellor, inside the House and outside. He has expressed his anxiety, and given some hint even, of his intentions in these matters.

"But the figure she gave would have to be much increased if we increased defence spending by £4.8 billion as she has advocated. There would be a further big increase if this Government were to fulfil the frivolous promise she made in 1974 on mortgages."]

The move to cash-limits on public spending will be announced in a White Paper near Budget day, although Mr Barnett, Chief Secretary, Treasury, said at question time that cash limits would not apply to the financial year 1976-77.

Mr Barnett, the Treasury minister responsible for public expenditure, discussed "the strangely mixed economic fortunes" facing the Government when he addressed a Labour local government conference in London yesterday.

The Government could begin to see the light at the end of the tunnel, but "the walls of the tunnel—our financial constraints—are pressing uncomfortably close". He added: "If we are ever to get out into the clear we shall have to push back those constraints which are pressing in on us".

The first constraint was that public expenditure had grown much faster than the United Kingdom's resources; for example, local authority current expenditure over the past 10 years had grown by 55 per cent in real terms, and the economy had grown only by 26 per cent.

Thus, he continued, "we have the consequential further constraint created by very high levels of direct taxation needed to pay for public expenditure we have not earned. We cannot pay for higher public expenditure from higher taxes when those earning less than the average wage already contribute over a quarter of the tax yield. Nor can we pay for higher expenditure from further borrowing when we are already borrowing nearly £12,000m".

That was not the only respect in which the Chief Secretary echoed some of Mrs Thatcher's argument. He went on to point to another serious constraint arising out of the growth of public expenditure in recent years: the extent to which public sector manpower had grown while that in manufacturing industry had declined. Between 1964 and 1973 local authority manpower had grown by 34 per cent and manpower in manufacturing industry had declined by 7.3 per cent.

That could not go on: "For the next few years there can be no room for overall growth in public expenditure, including local authority expenditure. So any growth in one area of expenditure must mean a decline in another."

It is not being lost upon senior ministers and the Labour rank and file at Westminster that both the Budget and the public expenditure White Paper will need to be skilfully presented if there are not to be damaging repercussions on the Government's efforts during the summer to carry the TUC in agreement on phase two of the prices and incomes policy.

Some trade-union-sponsored MPs already believe that the Government will not be able to get away with anything better than £2.50 and 4 per cent all round when the £6 limit on weekly wage increases comes to an end in July, and a few claim that is a tacit agreement between some influential trade union leaders.

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Mr Shore's hint on UK flights of Concorde

By Arthur Reed
Air Correspondent

Mr Shore, Secretary of State for Trade, promised the Commons yesterday that he would "look very carefully at any proposal" for allowing the Concorde to fly at supersonic speed over the United Kingdom. He would not have a closed mind if asked to consider that.

British Airways, he said, planned to begin supersonic services to the United States in May, provided there were no obstacles.

However, he emphasized: "There will be no night landings or take-offs of Concorde from Heathrow."

Concorde services to the United States would demonstrate their minimal effect on the environment, the minister said. His statement came 24 hours after the announcement by Mr William Coleman, the United States Secretary of Transportation, that the Concorde would be allowed to operate into New York and Washington for a trial period of 16 months.

Mr Shore said British Airways had formally applied yesterday to the Port of New York and New Jersey and had reminded them of the importance of quick decisions.

The airline was also arranging immediate discussions on practical details of the operation with the Federal Aviation Administration.

US bookings: More than a thousand people have applied for seats on the Concorde's first London-bound transatlantic flight.—Reuter reports from New York.

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Gold in the Innsbruck mountains: Franz Klammer, of Austria, going downhill for victory. Olympic reports, page 12.

Equatorial Guinea accused of slavery

From Harry Debelius
Madrid, Feb 5.

More than 20,000 people are being pressed into slavery to work on cocoa plantations in Equatorial Guinea, refugees from that country said in Madrid today.

They claimed that President Macias Nguema had ordered his guards to arrest between 2,000 and 2,500 people in each of the 10 districts of the mainland province of Rio Muni, to be used as unpaid forced labour on the plantations on the island of Macias Nguema, named after the "lifetime" President.

The order was reportedly issued about two weeks ago at a congress in Bata, capital of the Rio Muni province, of the Workers' National Union Party, the only political party allowed. The refugees said that the order had produced an upsurge in the number of people fleeing Equatorial Guinea for Cameroun and Gabon.

The cocoa crop, which is the country's main source of foreign currency, is usually picked early in the summer but tasks such as trimming and fumigation must be carried out earlier. The main customers for the cocoa crops include Cuba, the Soviet Union and China.

Our Foreign Staff writes: There has been a labour shortage on the plantations since the Nigerian Government, alleging "barbaric treatment" and non-payment of its 45,000 workers in Equatorial Guinea,— last month flew 10,000 of them home. The remaining Nigerian workers were then expelled.

Nigerian contract workers have been going to Equatorial Guinea under a 1942 agreement made by Britain and Spain, which then ruled the country. According to the contract, the workers should be paid part of their wages in Equatorial Guinea and the rest sent to Nigeria to be paid when their contracts ended.

Nigeria is seeking restitution for losses suffered by its workers after 11 Nigerians were killed when Equatorial Guinean soldiers fired on them near the Nigerian Embassy in Malabo on January 7.

As the last shipload of Nigerians was leaving Malabo last month, the sources said, troops opened fire, killing three

Frigates ordered back to Icelandic waters

By Roger Berthoud

The British frigates Juno and Diomede were last night ordered back to the fishing grounds off Iceland after the 740-ton Hull trawler Loch Eriboll had its trawl wires cut by an Icelandic gunboat. RAF surveillance flights over the area will also be resumed, the Ministry of Defence announced. Further deployments will be considered "as the situation demands".

Last night's moves seemed likely to lead to a break in diplomatic relations between Britain and Iceland. Earlier yesterday, Mr Einar Agustsson, the Icelandic Foreign Minister, said Iceland would break off relations if the frigates returned from outside the 200-mile limit.

There would be other serious results, he said; perhaps an allusion to Iceland's membership of Nato. The return of British warships would be "an historical turn for the worse", he told Reuter.

Mr Callaghan, the Foreign Secretary, warned Iceland on Tuesday that any further warp-cutting incidents would result in the automatic return of the frigates. He accepted Iceland's offer of talks on a short-term agreement, which accompanied formal rejection of Britain's proposals for a settlement on catch levels, and said that British officials were standing by to go to Reykjavik.

The Icelandic response seems to suggest that its government is not seriously interested in further negotiations. Diplomatic efforts to discover Icelandic intentions proved fruitless after yesterday's incident, and the frigates were ordered back three hours later.

The frigates successfully protected British trawlers from harassment between November 25 and January 19, when their withdrawal paved the way for Mr Wilson's fruitless negotiations with Mr Hall Grimsson, the Icelandic Prime Minister, in London. But there were some serious collisions.

British trawlers had resumed fishing normally at midnight on Wednesday. According to the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, two separate groups of trawlers 50 miles apart were challenged by gunboats and ordered to haul their gear.

Some responded, but the patrol boat Baldur successfully cut the warps of the Loch Eriboll 22 miles off Iceland's north-east coast, while the gunboat Tyr made an unsuccessful run on the Fleetwood trawler Gavina.

The new flare-up in the cod war is likely to alarm British's Nato partners, not least because in previous cod wars Iceland has threatened to close down the important Nato reconnaissance base manned largely by Americans at Keflavik.

Earthquake wipes out 10 Guatemalan towns

Guatemala City, Feb 5.—At least 10 towns were almost totally destroyed by yesterday's earthquake that may have taken more than 3,000 lives in Guatemala, officials reported today.

Hundreds of thousands of homeless people camped in the streets of Guatemala City, where the confirmed death toll was said to be 800. But the full horror of the earthquake may not be revealed until rescue workers reach towns wiped out in the country's isolated northern and eastern regions, where many survivors are without food, medicine or drinking water.

Officials of the National Emergency Committee said reports of casualties and devastation were still coming in from the isolated regions. The final number of dead, they said, was likely to exceed 3,000.

About 20 per cent of the homes in this city of 900,000 people were totally destroyed and 30 per cent suffered major damage in the tremors that struck repeatedly early yesterday morning.

Survivors camped out in the chilly mountain night under improvised shelters made from salvaged sheets and tablecloths. Many guests at the more expensive tourist hotels in the central district spent the night on the floor at the entrances for fear of being trapped in the badly cracked buildings by further tremors.

But only one short tremor shook the city last night and there was no panic, police said.

Long queues formed outside shuttered shops which never opened. Most of the city was without drinking water, but electricity supplies were restored to the central area.

Under a national state of emergency, troops patrolled the streets and manned machine guns at strategic corners.

A team of United States Army disaster relief experts was due in from the Panama Canal zone to start patching up the shattered water system and the American relief organization CARE was distributing 5,500 tons of food.—Reuter.

Relief organized: International efforts to meet the "enormous" needs of the Guatemala victims are gathering pace, under the direction of the United Nations disaster relief coordinator, our Geneva Correspondent writes. Priority is being given to medical supplies, including surgical kits, antibiotics, plasma, serum and tinned food. At least 15,000 tents are required.

In London the British Red Cross and Help the Aged each announced an immediate £5,000 donation to help relieve the suffering. British Airways are giving free air cargo space for relief supplies. A worldwide appeal for funds has been launched by the League of Red Cross Societies.

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Estate agent freed after questioning

By a Staff Reporter

Mr Derek Ritchie, one of the estate agents involved in the £7m Bewbush land deal, was arrested yesterday morning "on suspicion of obtaining money by criminal deception", Sussex police said.

After being held for questioning for six hours at Horsham police station, Mr Ritchie was released, without being charged, on police bail in his own recognizance of £250. He was told to return to the police station on March 22.

On Wednesday Mr Christopher Smith, Mr Ritchie's former partner at the Horsham branch of Weller Eggar, was released on police bail after being arrested "in connexion with land deals in 1972 and 1973", according to a statement issued by the Sussex police. He was told to return to Horsham police station on March 17.

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Cuts in defence will total about £180m

By Henry Stanhope
Defence Correspondent

Defence cuts totalling about £180m will be announced under the Government's review of public spending, which is to be published on Thursday week.

Most but not all will fall during the financial year 1978-79 because that is when the Government believes an improving economy should best be able to benefit from the shakeout of jobs and resources. The cuts will start to take effect in 1977-78.

The amount is only about a quarter of that originally demanded by Mr Healey, the Chancellor, which is being seen as a personal victory for Mr Mason, Secretary of State for Defence.

But it will cause another rumpus with the *Tribune* group, which had demanded a heavier sacrifice from the Services, particularly in view of the cuts being imposed on other Whitehall departments.

Details of the defence reductions will not be disclosed until the annual defence White Paper next month.

However, they will affect the "tail" rather than the "teeth" of Britain's defences, including research and development, which have already been cut by £40m for 1978-79 under the provisions of last year's Defence Review.

Civilian manpower, reduced by 15,000 under the Defence Review, will face a further cut of, at least, an equal number. There will also be a further reduction in service manpower, but only a marginal one.

The Multi-Role Combat Aircraft (MRCA) programme for the RAF will be left untouched as a matter of policy because any cuts there would affect Britain's Nato commitment.

The broad outline of the defence cuts was drawn up early last month after ministers and civil servants had worked on them during the Christmas recess.

French reinforce Djibouti garrison

From Charles Hargrove
Paris, Feb 5

Tension mounted today between France and Somalia over Djibouti after Somalian troops opened fire yesterday on a French detachment at the frontier post of Loyoda. The detachment had just freed 31 children who were kidnapped in a bus by members of the National Liberation Front of the Somali Coast (FLCS), an independence movement based in Mogadiscio and tacitly supported by the Somalian Government.

After the engagement, in which one child was killed and five injured, it was discovered that Frank Rutkowski, aged seven, was missing. It seems certain that he was taken across the border into Somalia as a hostage, M Olivier Stirn, the Minister for Overseas Territories, stated this morning.

He added that the French Government had asked the International Committee of the Red Cross to take up the case, while the embassy in Mogadiscio had been instructed to make representations.

Parallel with these diplomatic steps, about 800 men were flown out early this morning to Djibouti to reinforce the French garrison of 4,000 men in the Territory of the Afars and the Issas. Along the frontier, French forces and the Soviet-made tanks of the Somalian Army stand face to face.

A curfew has been imposed in Djibouti from 9 pm to 6 am.

New York, Feb 5.—France today quietly dropped its demand for an "extremely urgent" meeting of the United Nations Security Council to act on the Djibouti border clash.—UPI.

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Business growth
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The Donatello fund may make a profit

The Victoria and Albert Museum's appeal for £175,000 to enable it to buy the Donatello bronze relief of Madonna and Child, to prevent its export, looks as if it will make a profit of £52,000, perhaps creating some resentment among those who contributed to the appeal in memory of Lord Crawford and Balcarres.

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Miners' leaders agree to £6

The last potential challenge to the Government's £6-pay-limit policy was removed when leaders of the National Union of Mineworkers, and of four unions in the electricity supply industry indicated willingness to abide by the policy.

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Setback for profits

A report by the National Economic Development Office illustrates the steady decline in manufacturing profits since 1965. Return on assets in 12 major sectors has dropped from 10.2 to 6 per cent, after allowing for inflation.

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RSPCA move to oppose angling

The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals is expected to decide to oppose angling when its council meets later this month. Mr Roy Crisp, the society's chairman, said it would want to differentiate between fishing for food and for sport.

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Tindemans denial

Mr Leo Tindemans denied in Brussels that in his report on European union he was proposing a "two-speed" EEC. He was recommending that certain countries (including Britain) should be allowed a longer time in carrying out agreements. He did not want a Europe *a la carte*.

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£3,200m for US rail

A Bill to reshape and modernize American railways at an initial cost of £3,200m, with more Federal aid available, has been enacted by President Ford. Equipment for a new East Coast high-speed line may be bought from Britain.

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Offenders' scheme

Social workers accused the Government of curbing expenditure on community service schemes for offenders which provide an alternative to prison. Freezing expansion would stifle a promising innovation, they said.

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Mercenaries' leaders in secret journey

Three of the organizers of the British mercenaries intended for Angola returned secretly by chartered aircraft from Belgium with funds for the operation. Meanwhile, the newly recruited mercenaries spent the day waiting for a flight after booking into a series of hotels. They are due to fly out today.

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Dismay over 'freeze' on community service schemes

By Peter Evans
Home Affairs Correspondent

Social workers yesterday accused the Government of curbing expenditure on community service schemes for offenders which provide a much needed alternative to overcrowded prisons.

There are fears that Mr Jenkins, Home Secretary, who has spoken of his concern about prison overcrowding, has lost an important battle with the Treasury.

In a letter to the Home Office, Mr Terence Bamford, assistant general secretary of the British Association of Social Workers, speaks of its dismay that "settlement makes provision only for the maintenance of community service schemes begun in the current financial years".

There are still seven areas without any provision for community service, including the West Midlands, one of the largest probation authorities, and there are many areas where community service is available only to one or two courts.

"Freezing any expansion means that the development of one of the most promising innovations in penal policy in recent years is to be stifled at a time when additional investment in non-custodial treatment is urgently needed."

The National Association of Probation Officers (Napo) and the National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders (Nacro) are also concerned.

Mr David Mathieson, of Napo, said that last year, when the Home Secretary announced an expansion of the six experimental schemes, he had expressed pleasure at the success of the new non-custodial measure.

"It is particularly disappointing that he does not seem able to allocate financial resources to enable his policy of expansion of these most important schemes to be implemented."

Mr Nicholas Hinton, director of Nacro, recalled that Mr Jenkins had told its annual meeting that if the prison population rose to 42,000 conditions would be intolerable. Mr Hinton told me: "The prison population now stands at over 40,000. Community service has demonstrated itself as the most hopeful and immediate means at our disposal for preventing the prison population from reaching the intolerable 42,000 mark."

A government circular assumes that total expenditure in real terms by probation and after-care committees next year should not increase by more than 4.9 per cent.

That makes provision for the running expenses of community service schemes begun in the present financial year. It would be open to probation and after-care committees to submit proposals for the introduction or further extension of community service schemes.

The Home Office has allowed for a net increase in the overall strength of the service of 140, which will provide jobs for probation students who have completed their training.

Rape Bill would restrict publicity for victim

By Our Political Staff

An all-party private member's Bill to amend the law relating to rape, published yesterday, includes a provision that in the relevant cases the defendant's belief that a woman was consenting to sexual intercourse should be a matter the jury has to consider.

The Bill was presented by Mr Robin Corbett, Labour MP for Hemel Hempstead, and has the support of nine Labour backbenchers, one Conservative and one Liberal.

It restricts the publication, after an accusation of a rape offence has been made, of particulars identifying the complainant except in special circumstances. But a subsection requires the restriction to be lifted when publicity is necessary for the collection of evidence either before the trial or for an appeal.

The Bill provides that at a trial for a rape offence evidence may not be adduced or questions asked without the court's leave about "restricted matters", that is, the sexual experience of a complainant with a person other than the defendant or her disposition or reputation in sexual matters.

A subsection provides that evidence of cross-examination about restricted matters will be allowed only when those matters are of such relevance to issues arising in the trial that it would be unfair to the defendant to exclude them.

Those who support the Bill are:

Labour: Mrs Hayman (Welwyn and Hatfield), Mr Ashley (Stoke-on-Trent, South), Miss Richardson (Barking), Mr Whitehead (Derby, North), Mr Kilroy-Silk (Ormskirk), Mrs Taylor (Bolton, West), Mr Grocott (Lichfield and Tamworth), Mr Gould (Southampton, Test), and Mr Weetch (Ipswich); Conservative: Sir George Younger (Ayr); Liberal: Mr Beith (Berwick upon Tweed).

Cities' plea on sending girls of 14 to prison

By Our Social Services Correspondent

Representatives of Britain's biggest cities are to urge the Home Secretary not to stop remanding girls of 14 to prison until alternative secure provision is available.

The social services committee of the Association of Metropolitan Authorities said yesterday that ideally juveniles should not be remanded to prison, but there was no realistic alternative when unruly girls could not be remanded to local authority care.

The committee, which represents the six conurbations with the worst difficulties over placing teenage girls, faces a dilemma. It feels that it is "particularly anomalous" to send girls of 14 to prison when they are on remand because, except in rare cases, they cannot be committed to prison.

But it points out that there are no detention centres for girls, and borstal training is no longer available to anyone aged 14. The committee therefore opposes "the introduction of a restraint upon the practice of remanding 14-year-old girls to prison".

It will urge health authorities to make more provision for severely disturbed adolescents and wants the Government to examine urgently the obstacles faced by children's regional planning committees in providing such accommodation.

The Home Office is planning to phase out remanding girls aged 14 to prison after widespread concern about the practice.

The Government also amended the Children Act during its last stages to tighten the procedures for making "unruly" certificates under which juveniles can be sent to prison. Mr Robert Kilroy-Silk, Labour MP for Ormskirk, who led the campaign in the Commons, last night accused the committee of showing a "blinkered" attitude.

More than a hundred MPs have signed an early-day motion calling on the Government to devote more resources to building secure units and end sending children to prison. The select committee that studied the working of the Children and Young Persons Act, 1969, has also called for an immediate end to the remanding juveniles to prison.

A study group on intermediate treatment, established under the Act as an alternative to custodial care for children in trouble, is being set up by the Personal Social Services Council. It will examine the original concept of intermediate treatment and the way it has been translated into practice.

Chief Justice with quest for Ulster compromise

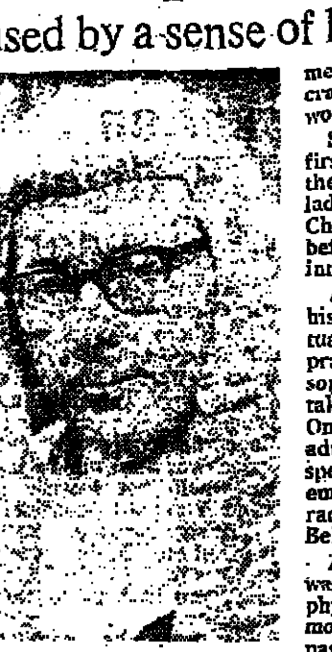
Tense situations defused by a sense of humour or a note bearing praise

From Christopher Walker
Belfast

With Ulster's constitutional Convention on the brink of failure, responsibility for extracting a last-minute compromise from its divided members has been left in the hands of one man: Sir Robert Lowry, the province's amiable Lord Chief Justice. Almost daily for the next three weeks he will chair inter-party meetings that may provide the last chance of a political solution to the violence.

By choice Sir Robert has for the past 12 months been quietly fulfilling one of the most difficult and unenviable roles in British public life. It is not widely known that he waived the possibility of an additional salary as Convention chairman, although it is acknowledged that he is the one man guaranteed to emerge from the Convention experiment with his reputation enhanced.

A Protestant who appears as much at home in Dublin as in Belfast, Sir Robert is a respected member of the Ulster establishment who has made the leap between the law and politics with surprising agility. Always a steadying influence during the Convention's full sessions, he has now been jointly requested by the Government and the 78 members to take charge of the more important private sessions.



Sir Robert Lowry: A steadying influence

When he was first appointed last February there were rumblings from the Roman Catholic community that his Unionist background and judicial mentality would militate against their views and against imaginative solutions. In practice the fears have proved unfounded and there is not one of the 17 members of the Social Democratic and Labour Party who would doubt his integrity.

Sir Robert gained a double first in classics at Cambridge, then rose quickly up the legal ladder. He was appointed Lord Chief Justice in 1971, a week before the introduction of internment.

As a lawyer he was noted for his thoroughness and intellectual ability, a man with a practical rather than philosophical mind, not afraid to take controversial decisions. One of those was his refusal to admit evidence taken under the special interrogation techniques employed by the Army in barracks on the outskirts of Belfast.

As Convention chairman, he was conscious of the verbal and physical abuse aimed at Stormont speakers in the recent past and worked from the outset to establish rapport with the members. Outstanding speeches were praised in handwritten notes and small private lunches arranged. His broad sense of humour helped to defuse tense situations, and his grasp of procedure proved a match for the Convention's most formidable participant, the Rev Ian Paisley.

Privately Sir Robert would probably tend towards a moderate Unionist viewpoint, but his personal opinions have so far remained a secret. Outside the Convention, he pursues his interests of horses and golf and has endeavoured to let the strict personal security ordered by the Royal Ulster Constabulary affect his social life as little as possible.

At 57 he remains a remarkably fit man, and politicians have marvelled at his ability to sit through four-hour sessions without a natural break. As he has no deputy, the Convention cannot continue in session without his presence.

An indication of his popularity came with the widespread local condemnation of the only public criticism made against him. It came from Mr Enoch Powell, who dubbed him a "catspaw of Stormont Castle". In fact he has adhered fiercely to the independence of his role, and senior officials now regret that he was not encouraged earlier to play a more formative part in the inter-party sessions.

With a handful of aides Sir Robert flew to Westminster on January 12 and sat through the debate on Ulster in the gallery, occasionally noting opinions.

Few observers in Belfast doubt that the unanimous verdict of British MPs on the need for an agreed solution will be forcefully transmitted when he chairs the crucial confrontation between the "loyalist" coalition and the SDLP in a few days' time.

'Doubt over explosive on gloves'

By Clive Borrell

Prosecution evidence that traces of nitroglycerine had been found on gloves used by a Belfast woman was unreliable, it was stated at the Central Criminal Court yesterday.

Mr Quentin Edwards, QC, for the defence of Mrs Anne Rira Maguire, aged 40, said the defence would call a scientific expert to show that chemical traces found on the gloves could have been deposited by other elements not directly connected with nitroglycerine.

There was a very grave question, Mr Edwards said, because the tests made by experts on behalf of the Crown were never compared with a confirmatory test on other substances.

Mrs Maguire had asked after her arrest for an independent test to be made of the gloves, but the police refused, counsel added. Nitroglycerine itself, he said, was "in the very air we breathe". There were millions of substances like it.

Mrs Maguire of Third Avenue, Kensal Green, London, her husband, Patrick, aged 42, her sons, Vincent Maguire, aged 17, and a boy aged 14; William Smyth, aged 37, Patrick Conlon, aged 52, and Patrick O'Neill, aged 35, have all pleaded not guilty to unlawfully possessing nitroglycerine after a police raid at their home on December 3, 1974.

Mrs Maguire, in evidence denied that she had ever handled nitroglycerine. She said: "We would never have explosives in the house."

The Crown has alleged that before the address in Third Avenue was raided by the police the occupants had kneaded and manipulated quantities of nitroglycerine into small bags, "to get rid of the evidence".

University science

An article published today in *The Times Higher Education Supplement* shows that 36 scientists control almost a quarter of the Science Research Council's monthly budget. There are special reviews of mathematics and physics books, articles on public expenditure and on Spanish painting, and a column by Ian Robinson.

Power cut-offs to be reviewed

By Our Social Services Correspondent

The Electricity Council last night agreed to keep under review its procedures for preventing disconnexions of supplies to elderly consumers and families with young children.

It did so at a routine meeting with the electricity and gas industry unions, which said that they were under pressure to stop such disconnexions because of mounting public concern over hypothermia deaths.

The Electricity Council said that the unions accepted that procedures already existed to prevent disconnexions in cases of hardship. But the unions are concerned that the procedures are not proving effective because of the mounting evidence of disconnexions after liaison channels have been used.

Mr Frank Chapple, general secretary of the Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunication and Plumbing Union, said yesterday that he was "deeply concerned" to learn that hardship was occurring.

In a letter to Mr Frank Field, director of the Child Poverty Action Group, who has asked the unions to instruct their members not to disconnect, Mr Chapple promised to raise the issue with his union's executive.

Age Concern said yesterday that local groups were finding cases where elderly people had energy supplies disconnected, in spite of the reassurances earlier this week by Mr Benn, Secretary of State for Energy. One elderly man had been without gas for more than a year because he could not pay a bill of £26.86.

"The Government can no longer refuse to act in the light of this week's tragic deaths from hypothermia", Mr David Hobman, director of Age Concern, said last night. "Half the nation's old people are waking up in rooms with temperatures below 60°F; if an employer ran a factory at that temperature he would risk prosecution. Yet not one local authority has applied for a grant to insulate the homes of elderly people."

Students at Durham University are helping a local Friends of the Earth conservation group by carrying out a survey of old people's housing. They are offering to insulate lofts free of charge and provide other help to reduce heat loss.

Death in cold: Mrs Nellie Bridge, aged 96, of London Road, Westcliff, Southend, died yesterday after being taken to hospital with a low body temperature (the Press Association reports). She was found collapsed in her flat on Wednesday.

At a Blackpool inquest a verdict of accidental death was recorded on Miss Edith London, aged about 85, who contracted hypothermia after falling and lying most of the night in her house in Kendal Road, St Anne's.

Mr Thomas Roberts, a neighbour, said he called three times the evening before, and each time he suggested calling a doctor. She begged him not to because she did not want to leave her pets.

In Bristol, Mr Charles Davis, aged 78, was being treated in hospital for hypothermia after being found unconscious in his home in Bath Road, Brislington. Mr Davis's wife, Lilian, aged 75, was dead in the kitchen. The police said she had a history of heart trouble.

Our Political Staff writes: Mr David Penhaligon, Liberal spokesman on health and social services, suggested in an early-day motion in the Commons yesterday that higher pensions should be paid in the winter than in the summer.

Mr Penhaligon, MP for Truro, said: "I am amazed that the means-tested heating allowance is paid at the same rate in the height of summer as it is in the depths of winter."

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Donatello appeal may make a profit

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent

It looks as if the Victor[ia] and Albert Museum will ma[ke] a profit on the Donate[llo] appeal. There appears to be [no] precedent for this, and feelin[gs] are running high about h[ow] the profit should be distr[ib]uted.

The museum has rai[sed] £152,000 from its own purch[ase] grants and private contri[bu]tions. A limited edition of [750] silver replicas of Donatell[o's] masterpiece are for sale; [and] from each one sold [the] museum receives £100. If [all] are sold, and present dem[and] makes that probable, £75,[000] will have been raised fr[om] that source for the Donat[ello] fund. That would leave [the] museum with £227,000 to [pay] for the bronze while it ne[eds] only £175,000, thus giving a [net] profit of £52,000.

When it was announced t[hat] the museum needed £175,[000] to save the Donatello fr[om] export, the museum said it [was] putting every penny it [had] available for purchases towa[rds] the bronze. That totalled ab[out] £94,000 and meant taking [pur]chase funds from every dep[art]ment. The museum also ha[d a] promise of £6,000 from [the] National Art Collections Fu[nd].

The death of Lord Crawf[ord] and Balcarres a few days a[fter] the announcement created [a] special situation. His [wish] that the Donatello should [stay] in England was well kno[wn;] he had been a great patron [of] the arts and the art collecti[ons] fund received more t[han] £40,000 in donations towa[rds] the Donatello in his memory.

Efforts were made in Par[lia]ment to persuade the Gove[rn]ment to match that extra[or]dinarily generous tribute fr[om] the private sector, but with[out] result. On January 22 [the] museum announced that [it] needed another £25,000.

Only on Tuesday was [the] sale of the 750 silver repli[cas] of the Donatello announc[ed]. Purchasers are coming forw[ard] with great enthusiasm. [The] Pobjoy Mint will produce [the] silver casts on a non-pr[ofit] basis for the sake of the Do[na]tello. The Government [will] receive £26,250 in value-add[ed] tax on the casts but is mak[ing] no contribution.

Those who generously c[on]tributed to the appeal, sque[ez]ing their own financ[ial] resources in memory of L[ord] Crawford, are feeling so[me]what resentful about the s[ale] of the replicas.

The museum announced l[ast] night that if the appeal made [a] profit it would return purch[as]ing moneys to their depa[rt]ments. If the target [is] exceeded by February 2[...] would be unnecessary to [...] upon the museum's ac[quisi]tions' grant to the full e[xtent].

Defence gives names of 'betting syndicate'

An Irish police superintendent and a peer's son were named at Preston Crown Court, Lancashire, yesterday, as members of a betting syndicate, who were alleged to have attempted a £300,000 coup on three horses; Ankerwyke, Opera Cloak and Gay Future. Two men deny conspiring to cheat bookmakers in the Republic of Ireland and Britain.

Mr Richard Du Cann, QC, for the defence of William Murphy, a Cork racehorse owner, named the policeman as Shamus McMahon and Mr Michael Morris, the son of Lord Killanin. The other names read out were Patrick O'Leary, John Horgan, Michael Rose, and Robert Henry. Charged with Mr Murphy is Kenneth Collins, aged 38, a trainer, of Troon, Strathclyde.

Mr Collins told the jury that he had bought Gay Future from Eddie O'Grady, an Irish trainer, for a nominal £1, with a final price to be agreed at a later date. They decided to run it at Cartmel and he stayed away from the course to maintain the horse's starting price.

He said that during his discussions with Mr O'Grady there was no mention of betting by way of doubles or trebles, and there was no reference to other people being considered. His bets on Gay Future were singles amounting to £184.

Later he decided that the two other horses, Ankerwyke and Opera Cloak, would not run.

He admitted that he had lied to the Jockey Club over the non-running of Ankerwyke and Opera Cloak. He had wanted to cover up the involvement of Mr O'Grady and Mr Morris.

The trial continues today.

Firemen warned on red lights

By Our Labour Staff

Fire engine drivers are being warned by their union leaders against crossing red traffic lights in an emergency, despite a new regulation allowing them to treat red lights as "give way" signs.

Mr Terence Parry, general secretary of the Fire Brigades' Union, has protested about the new regulation in a letter to Mr Crosland, Secretary of State for the Environment. He said the union would continue to refuse to give legal aid to members causing an accident through crossing red lights, and would strongly urge members not to drive through them.

29m used BAA airports

The seven airports administered by the British Airports Authority were used by 29,500,000 passengers last year, an increase of 5.9 per cent on 1974.

Judge's questi[on] on 13 barriste[rs]

Judge Clarke, QC, said [at the] Central Criminal Court [yester]day that the appointment [of 13] barristers to defend [...] defendants in an affray [...] would be investigated a[s a pos]sible waste of public m[oney].

He said: "I regard [it as my] duty in the administra[tion of] justice to see that [public] money is not wasted. I [...] will be realized that i[t was] found at the end of th[e trial] that this was a simple c[ase. The] question of the taxing [of costs] will be adjusted accordi[ngly]."

New government [...]

Mr Albert Stallard, MP for Camden, St [Pancras] North, has been appoi[nted an] assistant government [whip, it] was announced from [Down]ing Street yesterday. [He re]places Mr Laurence Pa[vitt, MP] for Brent, South.

Cheque to pay for weekend 'treat' bounced

Sir Yvo Henniker-Heaton, aged 21, "bounced" three cheques after treating a woman and her three children to a weekend at an hotel, Thetford Magistrates' Court, Norfolk, was told yesterday.

Sir Yvo, a trainee bakery manager, was fined a total of £125 after admitting three charges of obtaining a pecuniary advantage by deception.

Inspector Peter Pilgram said Sir Yvo booked into the Thomas Paine Hotel, Thetford, for three nights last month, using the name of his late father, Sir Peregrine Henniker-Heaton. He paid with a £160 cheque from his father's cheque book and had cashed two other cheques for £10 each, using the same cheque book.

Sir Yvo said in a statement: "I had the urge to try to help other people and thought that I would bring them here to help them get out of their unfortunate environment.

Sir Yvo's father was a former RAF security chief whose skeleton was discovered last year in a room at his home at Ealing, London.

Discharge for man who stole firm's wine

After admitting stealing champagne and other wines and spirits valued at £75 from a former employer, Edward Maudling, aged 21, of Gowan Avenue, Fulham, London, was granted a year's conditional discharge and ordered to pay £50 costs at Horseferry Road Magistrates' Court, Westminster, yesterday.

Mr Maudling, son of Mr Reginald Maudling, MP, and now a £30-a-week wine sales manager with another company, admitted stealing 25 bottles of wine and two bottles of spirits from the shop of J. H. James and Co, of Brompton Road.

Inspector James Beck said Mr Maudling, while working for the company, bought wines for his own use or to resell at auctions. He would pay by instalments. But when he left the business in January he had made no attempt to pay for the drinks he had bought last November. The drinks had all been recovered.

Mr David Napley, for the defence, said: "There is no question at all that when he took these wines there was not the slightest intention of stealing but of paying on an instalment basis." Mr Maudling had overlooked the £75 outstanding payment when he left the firm.

Mr Roderick Romaine, the magistrate, told Mr Maudling: "I am satisfied that you had not the intent to steal but formed the dishonest intent at a later stage."

Government challenged on committee majorities

By Our Political Staff

Mr Atkins, the Opposition Chief Whip, has asked the Committee of Selection, which chooses the MPs who sit on the standing committees working on legislation, to examine whether the Government is still entitled to a majority on them.

He has suggested that because Mr James Sillars, MP for Ayrshire, South, and Mr John Robertson, MP for Paisley, who have joined the new Scottish Labour Party, have been "excluded" from the Labour Party in Scotland they should not count in the Government's ranks in the Commons.

Mr Mellish, Government Chief Whip, has retorted that the two men still receive the Parliamentary Labour Party whip and vote with the Government. It is a matter for the PLP to decide whether they should be expelled and that has not been proposed by anyone.

It could be raised if the national executive of the party decided that action should be taken; it would make a recommendation to the PLP, which would then be debated and decided upon. But Mr Mellish does not seem to expect that to happen.

If Mr Atkins won the argument, the Committee of Selection, whose chairman is Mr Hugh Delargy, Labour MP for Thurrock, would be bound to alter the party balance in the standing committees, and the Government might find itself in great difficulty with contentious legislation.

Mr Wilson rejects honours 'fondling' charge as a slur

By Our Political Editor

Mr Wilson bitterly replied last night to charges made in the Commons on Monday by Mr William Hamilton, a Labour backbencher, that the Prime Minister "fondles his patronage like a bridegroom fondles his bride on their honeymoon night, and he gives his honours to his friends and relations and to the raincoat sellers—this I find intensely corrupting in this place".

In a letter to Mr John Watkinson, Gloucestershire, West, another Labour backbencher, Mr Wilson wrote: "I am still not clear whether his motivation is animus against the Prime Minister or animus against the Crown." He said that in 1966 he had announced that he was discontinuing recommendations for honours "for party and political services", and the facts did not justify Mr Hamilton's slur.

In part, Mr Wilson's letter read:

In March, 1974, I made it known that again there would be no party or political honours as such. The only MPs in respect of whom recommendations were made during the last two years were, first, a very special case, the recommendation of a CH for Jack Ashley, which was widely welcomed in all parts of the House, and secondly, in January, 1976, two specifically parliamentary honours—Tom Williams, in recognition of his work for IPU, and Peter Kirk, in respect of his pioneering services to the European Assembly.

It is ludicrous for Willie Hamilton to regard these cases as involving conditioning of MPs' attitudes to the Government, and I can only regard it as offensive to the House.

His suggestion that I "fondle" this pliable material on the back benches by recommending either their wives or their constituency party chairmen, for honours, is totally false, as he must know. With the ending of political honours there is no question of consideration being given for any political recommendation, at any level in any constituency party. None has been recommended by me; none has been suggested to me by any member. If any local politicians of any party have been recommended, it has been on the impartial advice of the Department of the Environment in respect of local government services.

It is true that in past times there have been suggestions of either intimidation or encouragement to backbenchers to use the honours system. There was considerable anxiety that following Suez, such methods were used—allegations were made at the time by those in a position to know. But not under a Labour Government.

If Mr Hamilton wishes to pursue this, I am still not clear whether his motivation is animus against the Prime Minister or animus against the Crown. I shall be happy to answer any queries he may send to me about members of Parliament in respect of whom recommendations have been made by me, as Prime Minister, since 1966, and comparable figures in a similar period by Conservative prime ministers.

Perhaps I might mention one rather sly innuendo—that relating to relatives. It is true that my sister received the MBE recently. Because of her record in education, this recommendation came to me in 1969. I rejected it, simply because she was my sister. Mr Heath received the same recommendation two years later and acceded to it. In both cases this came from the usual impartial source and I was naturally pleased when Mr Heath accepted it. But these facts do not justify the slur in that speech. Mr Hamilton can be sure that I shall always listen to his advice on these questions, particularly when it is based on a degree of research which in the past in other matters, has served him so well. He can be equally assured that I shall always give the closest consideration to any recommendations he may make for honours. The fact that I was not able to act on a letter he wrote to me, recommending that a particular retiring member of Parliament should be recommended for a peerage, should not discourage him; but the fact that he wrote it perhaps devalues the tone of his criticisms on Monday last.

Thrombosis death after woman changed pill

From Our Correspondent
Stevenage

A woman who changed her contraceptive pill after eight years on the advice of her family planning clinic died of thrombosis six weeks later.

A verdict of misadventure was recorded yesterday at an inquest at Hitchin, Hertfordshire, on Mrs Myrna Richings, aged 33, of Webb Rise, Stevenage.

Mr Peter Richings said his wife had been taking Volidan for eight years but changed to Minovlar on the advice of the clinic.

Several weeks later she complained of pains in her chest and shoulders and saw a doctor. The pains persisted and she was eventually taken to Lister Hospital, Stevenage, but doctors could find nothing wrong with her.

She returned home but was confined to bed and several days later she collapsed. An ambulance took her to hospital but she was dead on arrival.

Dr Klaus Misch, consultant pathologist at Lister Hospital, said death was caused by pulmonary embolism.

Mr George Shillitoe, the coroner, said he hoped the case would get wide publicity.

Quarries could destroy Dungeness, inquiry told

Removal of shingle at Dungeness, Kent, could destroy the area, wiping out much of its unique ecology and restricting escape for residents in the event of unusually high flood tides, a planning inquiry at Lydd was told yesterday.

Any breach of the narrow belt of shingle that would be left might seriously affect a rain-catchment area close by for public water supply.

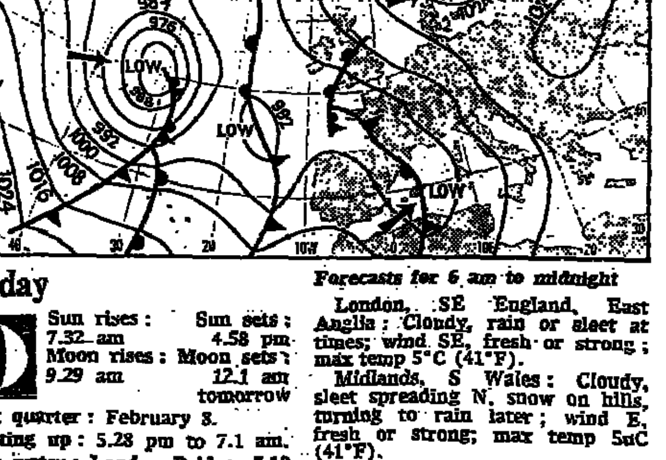
The fears were expressed by Mr Paul Jarvis, secretary of the Lydd, Greatstone, New Romney and District Ratepayers' Association. The association is objecting to an appeal by Hall Aggregates (SE) Ltd to excavate two huge quarries at Greatstone and Lydd to produce 300,000 tons of shingle a year.

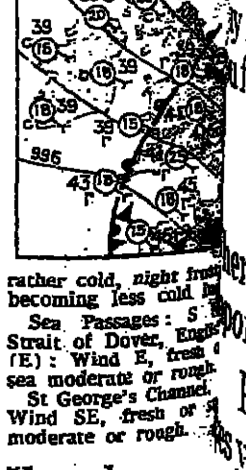
Permission for the workings had been refused by Kent County Council. "It would be a gross act of national vandalism to allow complete destruction of this important natural area", Mr Jarvis said.

Mr Alan Muirwood, an expert on shingle and tide movements denied that the quarries would contaminate the water supply or increase the danger of saline inundation.

The inquiry was adjourned until today.

Weather forecast and recordings





Today

Sun rises: 7.32 am. Sun sets: 4.58 pm
Moon rises: 9.29 am. Moon sets: 12.1 am tomorrow

First quarter: February 8.

Lighting up: 5.28 pm to 7.1 am. High water: London Bridge, 5.10 am, 6.9m (22.7ft); 5.38 pm, 6.8m (22.3ft). Avonmouth, 10.29 am, 12.0m (39.3ft); 10.36 pm, 11.6m (37.9ft). Dover, 2.11 am, 6.4m (20.9ft); 2.32 pm, 6.0m (19.6ft). Hull, 9.34 am, 6.5m (21.2ft); 9.34 pm, 6.7m (21.9ft). Liverpool, 2.26 am, 8.2m (26.9ft); 2.40 pm, 8.3m (27.3ft).

A trough of low pressure over N France will move N into S districts of England during the day.

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight

London, SE England, East Anglia: Cloudy, rain or sleet at times; wind SE, fresh or strong; max temp 5°C (41°F).

Midlands, S Wales: Cloudy, sleet spreading N, snow on hills, turning to rain later; wind E, fresh or strong; max temp 5°C (41°F).

Central S and SW England, Channel Islands: Cloudy, rain, perhaps sleet or snow at first; wind E, fresh or strong; max temp 6°C (43°F).

N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, N Ireland: Cloudy, dry at first, occasional snow or sleet, turning to rain later; wind E, fresh or strong; max temp 4°C (39°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Sunday: Mostly cloudy, rain or sleet at times in S England and S Wales, some sleet or snow farther N; rather cold, night frost becoming less cold [...]

Sea Passages: S [North Sea,] Strait of Dover, Engl[ish Channel] (E): Wind E, fresh [...] sea moderate or rough. St George's Channel, [...] Wind SE, fresh or s[trong, sea] moderate or rough.

Yesterday

London: Temp: max, 6 pm, 3°C, 37°F; min, 6 am, 2°C, 36°F. Humid[ity] 87 per cent. Rain, 24 hr [to 6 pm,] trace. Sun, 24 hr to 6 pm [...] mean sea level, 6 pm [...] millibars, steady. 1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

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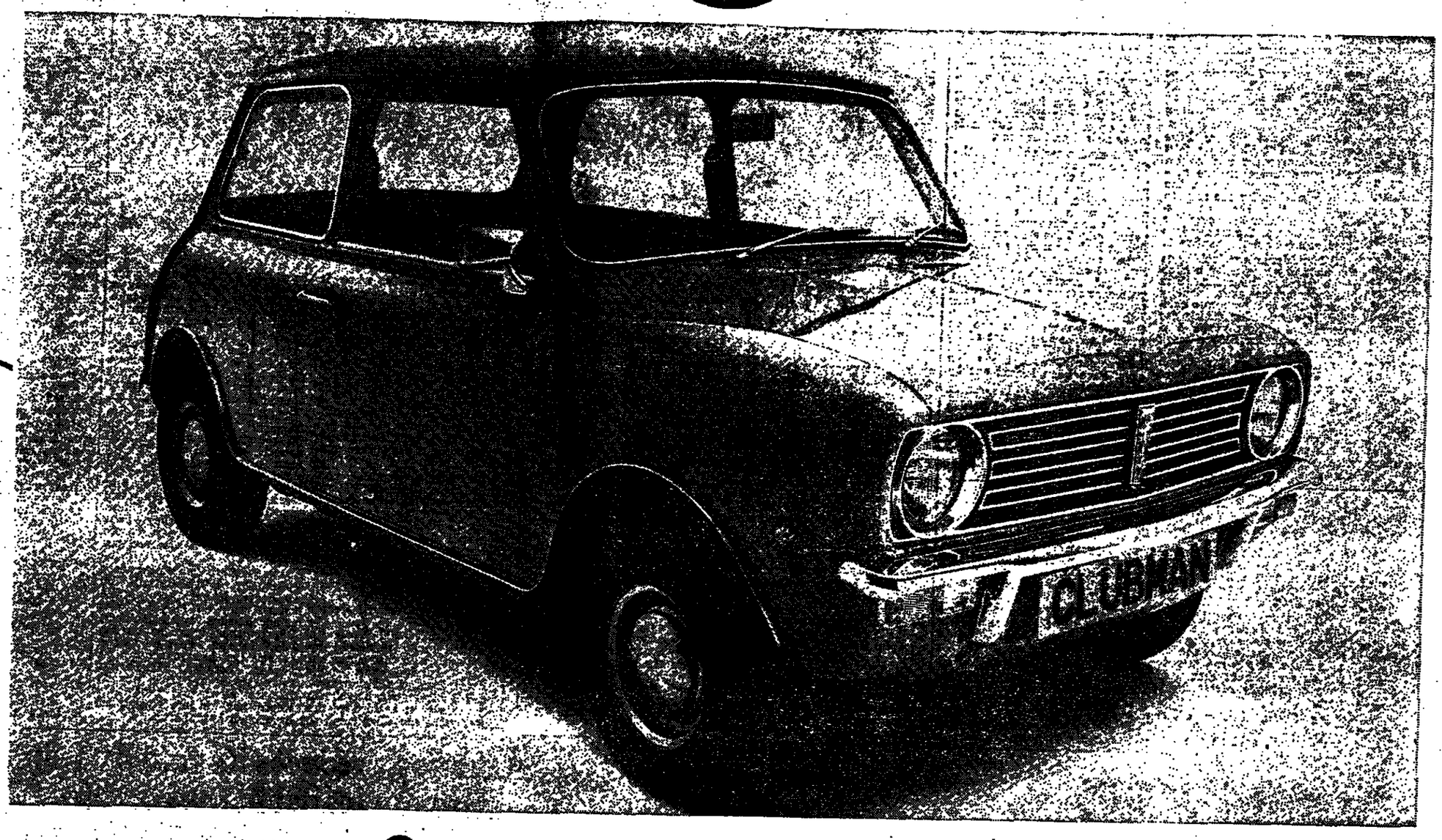
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Biarritz	c	9	48	Helsinki	sn	-11	12	Miami	f	26	79	Toronto	c	-7	19
Bristol	c	1	34	Innsbruck	s	7	45	Montreal	f	-15	5	Venice	c	7	45
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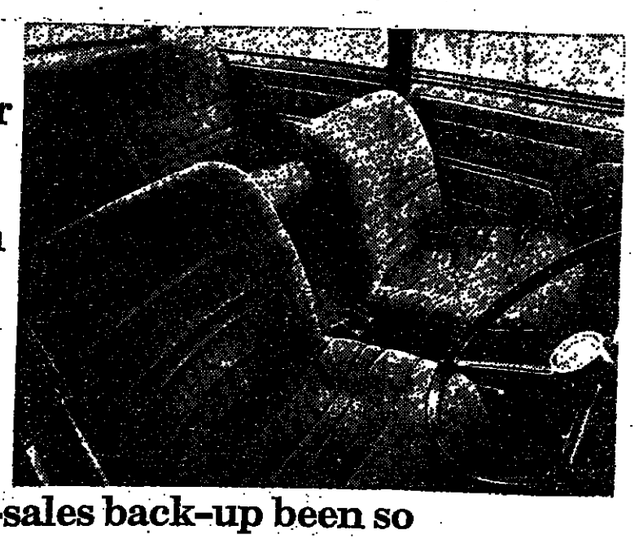
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HOME NEWS

Mining and power union leaders fall into line behind the Government's wage-limit policy

By Paul Routledge
Labour Editor

The success of the £6 pay policy was finally confirmed yesterday when leaders of 250,000 miners and power station workers indicated willingness to accept the TUC-Government wage bargaining limits.

The negotiating team of the National Union of Mineworkers dropped its insistence that a rise should be paid on basic rates, rather than added as a cash supplement to earnings, and voted unanimously to accept the National Coal Board's offer in line with TUC policy.

Talks on a pay rise for 105,000 power workers were adjourned amicably until next month after the four electricity supply unions had said they would accept the £6 rule. Those developments, coming from the two groups of workers whose militancy discredited the first round of voluntary wage restraint under the social contract, remove the most powerful potential challenge to the incomes policy.

The NUM decision must be ratified by the union's full executive next Thursday, but that is regarded as no more than a formality.

The pending settlement of the pit pay claim will cost the NCB about £75m in a full year, and will lead on an application for increases in the prices of coal products of about 15 per cent. That will in turn push up the price of electricity, at a time when the Electricity Council is already thinking of asking for rises of up to a fifth.

Although the miners have accepted the TUC policy that the increase must not go on basic rates and therefore produce higher overtime pay, the NUM is asking for the step to be taken "as soon as possible". The union has asked for consolidation of the money into basic rates from September 1.

NUM militants are looking to the next pay round for a challenge to wage restraint. The Nottinghamshire area, usually reckoned to be a moderate coalfield, is considering asking for restoration of last year's left-wing demand for £100 a week for faceworkers, and the union's moderate president, Mr Joseph Gormley, is known to be keen to proceed with such a claim as soon as the collective bargaining climate permits.

Mr Gormley, who has publicly condemned any extension of the principle of flat-rate pay rises, said last night: "We must reserve our position until later in the year. I cannot give any commitments about that time."

Moderate NUM leaders want talks with the coal board on a new productivity deal to replace the existing but practically defunct agreement, described by Mr Gormley as "a complete fiasco". The agreement, based on national output, has paid out a bonus in only one of the four quarters it has been operating, and output is lower now than last year.

The moderates want negotiations on a scheme based on pits or areas of the kind previously rejected by the men in a pit-head ballot, which could be agreed upon now and introduced when government policy permitted. That step would be fought inch by inch by the left.

Nalgo strike committee: The National and Local Government Officers' Association (Nalgo) yesterday set up a special strike operations committee (our Labour Staff writes). Seventy-three Nalgo members are on official strike in support of 21 workers in Edinburgh and Bournemouth, who, the union says, have been locked out by the corporation.

Nalgo said: "The dispute concerns the refusal of British Gas to make a commitment to white-collar staff to pay them for extra duties involved in a new working scheme for manual workers in the industry."



One of the streets of Millfield, where residents are battling to save their threatened community.

Millfield fights to survive

From John Young
Planning Reporter
Sunderland

Nearly 300 hundred people crowded into a bitterly cold church hall in the Millfield district of Sunderland on Tuesday evening to protest at the threatened destruction of their community. The issue, already notorious in the North-east, may well become a test of the Government's readiness to force local authorities to attend more to public opinion.

There are, or were, thousands of Millfields in the country, peaceful, proud, and even prosperous working-class areas with a high proportion of owner-occupiers (in Millfield's case, about three fifths).

The Government has belatedly conceded that many of them could or should have been saved, but many local authorities would still like to raze the remainder and pack the inhabitants off to new council estates.

Mr John Blackburn, a Labour councillor who opposes his party on the question, says he is convinced that his colleagues would like to see Millfield destroyed. But, as an alternative, the council has proposed that almost the whole district, about 700 houses, might be declared a housing action area, which would qualify it for improvement grants from the Government covering three quarters, and in some cases, nine tenths, of the cost of improvement.

The main criteria for a housing action area, however, are acute social stress and deprivation, which in effect mean overcrowding. Millfield, being neither overcrowded nor conspicuously deprived, would be unlikely to qualify.

Adjoining the town centre, it consists mainly of attractive single-storey mid-Victorian terrace cottages. Houses for sale in the past have attracted ready buyers, particularly young couples. Its main difficulty is planning blight caused by years of council indecision and changes of mind.

In the late 1960s, when it was threatened with demolition by the council, which was then Conservative-controlled, Millfield was the subject of a book, *People and Planning*, by Norman Dennis, now a lecturer at Newcastle University. Mr Dennis, who is one of the leaders of the latest campaign to save the area, argued in the book that professional planners had nothing in common with, and too little contact with, the people whose interests they were supposed to serve.

When Labour regained control of the council in 1972 it promised, among other things, that Millfield would be preserved. In June, 1974, residents were told that local authority mortgages and improvement grants would be freely available; some of them say they were told "the houses would be kept for at least another 30 years, but the council denies that.

Then, last November, came a shock: a study published by the council, said that a random survey, carried out with advisers from the Department of the Environment, had shown that more than a third of the houses were too dilapidated to be saved; many were unfit for human habitation. Pending a full survey, which might take several years, all further mortgages and grants were suspended.

Since the report was published the residents have formed street committees and have asked the local government Ombudsman to intervene.

Their demands are straightforward. They do not want to be rehoused, least of all in council houses; they do not want a housing action area; they want the survey, which they regard as wasteful and irrelevant, to be abandoned; above all, they want to know that the money they have invested has not been wasted and that their houses are not worthless.

Most of them expect that eventually Millfield will be reprieved, if only because the council can no longer afford comprehensive redevelopment. But by then it might be too late. In one street alone the council has had to acquire 11 houses because, inevitably, there were no other buyers. Despite assurances that they would not be left empty, all have been boarded up.

BP widens sales of cut-price petrol

By Roger Vielvoye
Energy Correspondent

British Petroleum has lowed Shell in spreading cut-price petrol war from Midlands and the North to rest of Britain.

BP filling stations in any may now reduce prices by to 7p a gallon if cut-price petition from any other b is significantly affecting ness.

Originally BP had con the offer of a 2.8p a gallon count, with a similar price from retailers' margins a fall in VAT, to the areas o Midlands and North where cut-price war began and w competition is still fiercest

BP said it had been forc extend the offer of assistan dealers because of compe pressures from other panies, mainly Shell. Last Shell announced that its p guarantee system to hel own filling stations woul extended to London and Home Counties.

BP has gone even farthe offered such help to any dealers anywhere in B affected by competition price-cutters.

"There has obviously be spread of price-cutting, o wise we would not have t these steps", said BP. De BP's new move, cut-price p offers outside the North Midlands are still confine the main towns where com tion is strongest.

Oil industry sources there is little chance of sm filling stations outside the cipal urban areas being d into the price-cutting war.

The speed with which p cutting spreads largely dep on the attitude of other oil companies to the Shell BP initiative in helping dealers.

Esso said last night th was still evaluating the ef of Shell's decision to hel dealers in the South.

Commons radio unlikely before autumn

By Martin Huckerby
Political Staff

Regular radio broadcasts of the proceedings of the House of Commons are not likely to begin before autumn, it became clear yesterday.

The House has yet to give its assent to the idea, but even if such approval is given ministers indicated that it would be difficult to bring in broadcasting before the summer recess.

The Government's business managers are disappointed that the broadcasting subcommittee of the House of Commons Services Committee has taken so long to complete its report on the subject.

While that was partly due to the subcommittee's wide remit, there were some opponents of sound broadcasting on the subcommittee who were pressing for an amendment that would have completely recast the report.

Mr Short, Leader of the House and Lord President of the Council, said in the Commons yesterday that the report had been discussed by the full Services Committee and would be published "in the very near future".

There would be a debate on the report in the House as soon as possible, and it would be on a free vote.

The House is still divided on the issue of allowing a permanent system to replace the original short experiment in broadcasting but it now appears likely that the proposals will gain majority support.



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EMPLOYMENT PROTECTION ACT

Borough reduces its rate by 1.8p but big rises are feared in the counties

By Christopher Warman
Local Government Correspondent

Taunton Deane Borough Council, Somerset, will make a cut in its rate for 1976-77 of 13 per cent, reducing this year's rate of 13.6p by 1.8p, if it accepts the recommendations of its finance officials.

That will be the result of economies within the council plus the "standstill" in local government spending sought by the Government. Ratepayers in the borough will, however, face an increase in their total rate bill, caused by a lively increase of 4.5p, about 9 per cent, in the Somerset County Council precept and of about 3.5p, 31.6 per cent, in water charges.

In a report to the policy and resources committee of Taunton Deane council, Mr Kenneth Horne, chief executive, said that several desirable items of expenditure had been cut out, fees and charges for most services had been raised, and council house rents would go up in April.

He said that despite quite considerable increases in the council's responsibilities since reorganization fewer staff were employed than the total in the constituent authorities before reorganization. An accumulated surplus from previous years enabled the council to offset costs and achieve a net reduction.

At the other end of the scale, Surrey County Council's policy coordinating committee has recommended a precept of 59.37p, an increase of just over 10p, or 20 per cent, above the 1975-76 figure.

To restrict the increase to that figure, the council has had to make extra cuts of £3.5m to its original budget estimates because of a change in the distribution in the rate-support grant.

It is likely that in the non-metropolitan areas, the county precepts will show a higher increase than the district rates because, within the general standstill, there are elements of growth, most of which occur in county services.

Mr M. R. L. Cowan, of Nottinghamshire County Council, told a meeting of the Association of County Councils on Wednesday that the growth in county services might be nearly 3 per cent, including 2 per cent on education and 3.5 per cent on social services, which were laid down in government guidelines.

While local authorities are busy fixing their rates for the year beginning in April, the London Boroughs Association is urgently seeking talks with Government in an attemp find ways of recovering estimated £26m owed by payers.

The sum is owed *mainly* large firms in central Lon who are withholding part their annual rate bills pen the result of outstar appeals against assessments.

The arrears have beer ing since 1973, when the of appeals were lodged the revaluation of pr Under the General R 1967, ratepayers are al withhold half of a increase if they have standing appeal again valuation assessment.

Under a special arra with the Greater Council, boroughs in over-rate collection m hold part of their pre ment to the GLC interest on money bor the GLC to brid deficiency is charge London ratepayers th GLC's annual rate p

Mr Leslie Hilliard, of the LBA's general committee, said yest in the cities of Lo Westminster firms holding more th

Chess sets and soap may mean death for species

By Pearce Wright
Science Editor

A survey of luxury goods made from the hides, hair, oils, teeth and bone of animals listed in the *Red Data Book* as in danger of extinction has been prepared to show the loopholes in the import regulations into the United Kingdom.

The items, which include handbags, chess sets, cloth, soup, soap and attaché cases, are described in today's issue of *New Scientist* by Miss Joanna Gordon-Clark and Mr David Pedley, of the Friends of the Earth organization.

They urge support for an Endangered Species Bill which Lord Wynne-Jones has introduced as a private member's Bill in Parliament.

The survey reads like a consumer guide to some of the best-known London stores. The items include turtle oil soap, costing £3.50 for 24 bars: all eight marine turtles are listed in the *Red Data Book* of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature.

An ivory chess set, priced at £1,100 and carved in Italy, is set against the fact that the Indian elephant is threatened with extinction and the African one is declining rapidly.

Vicuna cloth is available at £275 a metre. The four countries in which the vicuna is found, Chile, Bolivia, Argentina and Peru, try to ban exports but are unable to get a complementary regulation in the United Kingdom and other countries banning imports of the cloth.

Crocodile skin handbags from France, Italy and Belgium sell at up to £1,000. All members of the crocodile family are listed as endangered creatures.

Life jail aft second trial for murder

From Our Correspo
Perth

Alexander McCro already stood trial was jailed at the in Perth, yesterda after the jury had found him guilty o woman bookmaker

Mr McCrorie, papermill worker, Road, Leslie, Fife guilty of murd Katherine Stephen October, by repeate her in her home i Leslie.

In 1960 he was the same court of Leslie man, who be associating with attacking him with McCrorie, then a found guilty of charge of culpab and jailed for 15 y released in 1968.

Hospital children lack visits by teach

By Our Education Correspondent

Educational needs of children in hospitals are being neglected, according to this month's issue of *Where*, the educational magazine of the Advisory Centre for Education, published today.

Mrs Moyra Bremner, a teacher and journalist, says that more than a third of children's wards have no visiting teacher and more than two thirds have no play group.

Hardly any hospitals outside London have play groups, she writes: "In 145 children wards there is no teaching provision, no play leader, no nursery nurse, no occupational therapist and no voluntary helper: in fact, nothing that would either soften the impact of hospital or help a child to continue his normal intellectual and emotional development during his stay."

She suggests that hospitals should be encouraged to use some of the money left over through failure to recruit nurses to pay play leaders and finance play groups.

Children from large families are at risk educationally, according to another article in the magazine. It is based on findings by the National Child Development Study, a research programme by the National Children's Bureau into 15,000 children born in one week in March, 1968.

Where families include five or more children they are on average 26 months behind only children in reading, and up to a year behind them in mathematics by the age of 11.

The research suggests that being one of a large family is a worse handicap than coming from a disadvantaged social class background, and that those most at risk are younger children in large fa Sheila Hart, the bo officer, writes that older brothers stimulate the youn progress may revising.

Parental involvem school has been pupil success. The st that more than thr parents with six or dren never consult about their children That was because time and also becau different attitudes vance of schooling.

The survey show 1969 one child in s was sharing a bed w child and about nin or 12 per cent of the living in overcrowde *Where* (Advisory Cent tion, 32 Trumpington bridge CB2 1QY. £5.50 a year).

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The Free World stands today in greater danger than at any time since the darkest days of World War II...

he Agony of Angola

Angola, while the West is looking on, Russian imperialism is going hecked. The modern Russian warhine, manned by Cuban intruders, tent on preventing a united majorgovernment in this former Portue colony. Directing the destiny of minority MPLA, Russia wants an ola which will be at its mercy.

hen the Soviet colonisers first aped on the Angolan scene in full ıgth to fill the vacuum left by Por-l, the FNLA-UNITA liberation ements appealed for assistance in Vest. While some in the West reded half-heartedly, and others d uncommitted, South Africa ted. Said FNLA leader Holden erto in New York: "I am strongly ıst apartheid but I will say this for h Africa, when they see a neigh-'s house burning they come to put he fire."

uth Africa's le of Honour

some quarters in the West it was d that, having Russia take over ola would be preferable to being ıt on the same side as racist South a. In the First and Second World the free world heard no such nents when South Africans (then tely more racist than today) fought lied on our side. Also in Korea, in ght against a communist invasion, ccepted South Africa (under the government as today – only then ı less enlightened) as a sturdy ally out reservations. The USA alone honoured South African airmen with almost a hundred medals and had its 18th Bomber Wing play the first two bars of the South African national anthem every morning in honour of the South Africans' role.

Ironically enough, when these arguments against South Africa as a fighting partner were strongest in the journals of the West, South Korea unveiled a monument to the South Africans killed there in their fight against communism.

Verdict of 22 Nations

In Addis Ababa 22 black African nations did not seem to mind the South African 'taint' by voting against recognition of the MPLA as the single inheritor of Angola. They voted against this Russian-directed movement. Is it perhaps reluctance on the side of the West to fight communism that made it look for specious reasons to stay out, or did they really believe that a South African-assisted black majority force is less desirable in Angola than a Russian take-over?

If that is so, it's time to draw the curtain on the West.

The long-term problem

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Photographed in Angola: firepower the Russians have put into the hands of Cuban-led pro-Marxist forces. Top, Soviet multiple rocket-launcher and tanks. Below, automatic weapons from behind the Iron Curtain carried by MPLA soldiers.

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British Airways intending to start Concorde service to US in May: no night movements at Heathrow

House of Commons

British Airways aim to start Concorde services from London to New York and Washington in May provided that no new obstacles arise, MR SHORE, Secretary of State for Trade, said when he informed the House about the American decision on the British and French applications to start Concorde services.

He said: The United States Secretary of Transportation, *Mr Coleman, announced yesterday* his decision on the application by British Airways and Air France for up to two flights each a day to John F. Kennedy Airport, New York, and one each a day to Dulles International Airport, Washington. He allowed their application in full for a trial period not to exceed 16 months. This will start from the date of the first flight. He has specified a number of conditions for these services, but none of these appears to present *any* substantial difficulty.

Mr Coleman has reached this decision following the most *exhaustive scrutiny of the arguments* for and against allowing Concorde into the United States. He himself chaired a public hearing on January 5, in which the Minister of State, the Department of Industry (Mr Kaufman) and a senior representative of the French Government took part.

The decision, which runs to some 60 pages of closely argued text, is an impressive and balanced assessment of the environmental aspects of Concorde's operations.

I am sure the House will welcome this decision to permit Concorde to fly direct to New York and Washington from London and Paris. *The way is now open for* regular supersonic services across the North Atlantic. I believe services during this period will demonstrate that they will have a minimal effect on the environment.

British Airways have today made formal application to the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey and have reminded them of the great importance of speedy decision. They are also arranging immediate discussions on the practical details of the operations with the Federal Aviation Administration.

British Airways aim to begin service in May—provided of course that there are *no new* obstacles. Officials will be discussing early next week with the Department of Transportation and the Federal Aviation Administration the monitoring programme on noise and ozone which Mr Coleman has said should be carried out.

We are already working with the *National Aeronautics and Space* Administration on a programme to measure chemical constituents of the stratosphere, using Concorde for this purpose.

Concorde entered commercial service to Bahrain and Rio de Janeiro on January 21. We now look forward to Concorde carrying *people across the North Atlantic in* just over three hours—half the time of present subsonic services.

MR HIGGINS, Opposition spokesman on trade (Worthing, C)—The decision will be widely welcomed on both sides of the House and outside, for the technical achievement of *those responsible for Concorde has caught the* imagination of the public.

The statement by Mr Coleman that the rules of fair play demand *that Concorde be given a chance of* disproving its critics is important and it is to be hoped that the New York authorities will now take a balanced view.

Will he clarify whether any further court hearings in the United States will be the responsibility of the British Government or of British Airways?

Will the decision help applications on other routes? Does he agree that starting supersonic scheduled services in the bicentennial year will strengthen links with the United States and assist trade in other products?

MR SHORE. It is a happy coincidence that the first transatlantic supersonic services are coming into effect in this bicentennial *year. It shows that we are closer* than ever before, at least in one sense, and a welcome one.

I entirely agree that the rules of fair play have obviously entered into the decision. I hope that all the other authorities in the United States who will be concerned with subsequent decisions affecting the operation of Concorde will bring to bear on those decisions the same scrupulous objectivity and judgment that he has shown.

British Airways will be the main party if an action is brought against the airlines, but action may be taken against Mr Coleman's decision, in which case it will be for the Federal Department of Transportation to justify its own decision. It is certain to be helpful in assisting in negotiations with other countries to obtain longer routes.

MR PENHALIGON (Truro, L)—I suppose the House must welcome this decision that Concorde can land after spending so much on achieving flight.

Is Mr Shore prepared to ban supersonic flight over the land mass and will he confirm that the south-west is in the flight path to the United States?

MR SHORE—I cannot answer the second question because the London to Washington and New York routes do not involve overflying of the United Kingdom but if *routes develop in which overflight* of part of the United Kingdom is part of the flight, I should have to examine the situation closely and I should not have a closed mind.

MR KERR (Hounslow, Feltham and Heston, Lab)—I hope that the action of Mr Coleman will be emulated shortly by the new governmental authorities in Australia.

MR SHORE—I hope that the Australian authorities who are considering the environmental effects of Concorde will have the opportunity to look carefully at the Coleman judgment before coming to their conclusion.

MR *TEBBIT* (Waltham Forest, Chingford, C)—On the issue of who would pay for the legal action which may arise in the United States as a consequence of Mr Coleman's decision, it would seem improper to many of us if the burden of seeing Concorde operate to North America were to fall on British Airways in terms of legal costs.

On his remarks about not having a closed mind on supersonic over*flying routes in the United King*dom, Mr Shore has broken some new ground. Would he confirm that was what he meant to do and *that he is saying he would be* prepared to look on its merits at any application to overfly the United Kingdom supersonically?

*MR SHORE—I was not expect*ing this to come as an immediate issue. I can confirm it would be the duty of any government to *look carefully at any proposal* put forward. I would say neither more nor less on that at present.

On the legal costs and who should pay for them, I will *not* give a commitment but I will look sympathetically at this problem.

MR PALMER (Bristol, North-East, Lab) *said the achievement of* Concorde flight to the United States would give satisfaction to the Concorde workers of Bristol. Did that give prospect for the future of extra Concordes being manufactured?

MR SHORE said that the fact that Mr Coleman's judgment opened the gates to the North American Continent was the most important single step that had yet been taken in establishing the success of Concorde, and consequential on that the possibilities of a general success of the Concorde programme was increased.

MR WARREN (Hastings, C)—Will he give an assurance that he will give the widest possible publicity to the findings of the tech*nical studies to alleviate public* concern as rapidly as possible about the environmental impact of Concorde?

*MR SHORE—That is a good sug*gestion. As so many exaggerated and unnecessary anxieties have been expressed and built up about Concorde we have a public duty to make that information available.

MR CRYER (Keighley, Lab) said that to some people the decision was putting off the evil day. What would be done when the 16 Concordes were produced. It was a huge financial disaster.

MR SHORE said he genuinely believed that the prospect had been greatly enhanced for the success of Concorde in commercial service. Mr Coleman's judgment had been a milestone.

MR JESSEL (Richmond upon Thames, Twickenham, C) said the American decision would not be universally welcomed among communities living around Heathrow. Would the Government give a categoric assurance that in no circumstances would Concorde be allowed to take off or land at night?

MR SHORE—There will be no night landings or take-offs of Concorde from Heathrow.

MR ADLEY (Christchurch and Lymington, C)—Will he put his mind to the problem which is going to be faced shortly if there are court cases as to whether or not British Airways and Air France can fly into the United States while the court cases are pending if they are brought forward or whether their flights will be in danger of being held up indefinitely while the anti-Concorde industry deliberately prolongs its activity?

MR SHORE—We hope that any court would deal with the matter expeditiously and it does not *necessarily follow that all operations* would be suspended pending a decision of any such court.

Measures next Thursday to alleviate unemployment

The Budget will be on Tuesday, April 6, it was announced during questions to Treasury Ministers. The Chancellor of the Exchequer (Mr Healey) will also be announcing *next Thursday* the promised measures to alleviate unemployment. The White Paper on Public Expenditure will be published on February 19.

The Prime Minister, during questions on the economic situation, explained that the Chancellor's announcements next Thursday would be not on the basis of a general, wild reflation but on the basis of relevant measures to help employment. The Chancellor said he would be trying to bring increases in unemployment down in the immediate future.

There will be a debate on public expenditure after the publication of the White Paper and before the Budget.

During exchanges about meetings between the Prime Minister and the TUC,

MRS MARGARET THATCHER, Leader of the Opposition (Barnet, Finchley, C) asked Mr Wilson—Will he discuss with the TUC the enormous increase in the amount of tax taken from the pay packet by his Government?

This year, she said, the average household in Britain will pay £365 *more in income tax than in 1974.* This is the intolerable cost of socialism. (Conservative cheers.)

MR WILSON (Huyton, Lab)—Mrs Thatcher knows that these figures have been referred to by the Chancellor, inside the House and outside. He has expressed his anxiety, and given some hint even, of his intentions in these matters.

But the figure she gave would have to be much increased if we increased defence spending by £4.8 billion as she has advocated. There would be a further big increase if this Government were to fulfil the frivolous promise she made in 1974 on mortgages. (Labour cheers.)

MR NIGEL LAWSON (Blaby, C) asked by what date at the latest the Chancellor expected to publish the White Paper on public expenditure and if it would contain the promised publication of the various cash limits for expenditure for 1976-77.

MR JOEL BARNETT, Chief Secretary to the Treasury (Heywood and Royton, Lab)—Mr Healey expects to publish it on February 19. It will not include details of cash limits for 1976-77. As announced in the debate on November 25, details of cash limits would be published around the beginning of the financial year.

MR LAWSON—On cash limits, can Mr Barnett assure the House it will mean a great deal more than the mere allocation of the relative price effect among the component parts of the public spending programme?

Can he assure the House that public spending in 1976-77 will not materially exceed the figure envisaged at the time of the Budget when cuts of £900m were announced?

MR BARNETT—The White Paper will contain all the information he requires on expenditure in 1976-77.

MR LANE (Cambridge, C)—Will the White Paper give clear evidence that the Government are in earnest in shifting resources from the public sector into more productive channels?

MR BARNETT—In the White Paper we shall be setting out the policy of this Government for public spending for 1976-77 and years thereafter.

MR MICHAEL LATHAM (Merton, C)—Will the White Paper confirm or deny the extensively *leaked reports* that one of the cuts in public spending will be in Civil Service manpower?

MR BARNETT—I cannot confirm or *deny anything* and Mr Latham will have to wait until February 19 to see precisely it says. We will not (he later) be cutting public ex*penditure in 1976-77.*

MR HENDERSON (East Dunbartonshire, Scot Nat)—Since Mr Barnett has been so generous announcing the date of the Budget Paper, when will the Budget

MR BARNETT—I am happy do that as well—April 6.

MR HEFFER (Liverpool, Walton, Lab)—In view of *200,000 construction* workers present out of work, will finances be available to local orities to bring out of their *holes construction plans* which temporarily held back? would give a boost to the con tion industry and help to down unemployment.

MR BARNETT—I share Heffer's concern. The Chan will make a statement dealing some aspects of this next day.

Book case costs stated to be about £13,000

MR JOHN WATKINSON (West Gloucester, Lab) asked the Attorney General what was the total cost to the taxpayer of the prosecution and defence in the proceedings against Heinrich Hanau and others in relation to the book *Inside Linda Lovelace.*

MR SAMUEL SILKIN, in a written reply, said—While the actual amount must depend upon the decisions of taxing officers, an estimate which I have seen referred to in the press of £200,000 *is a gross exaggeration. It is not* anticipated that the costs will exceed about £13,000.

Of this approximate sum, costs at the committal stage amounted to about £1,000, solicitors' and witnesses' costs came to about £6,000 and the total fees for five counsel, including preparation and trial, *amount to about £6,000.*

No case against police officers over allegations

MR ROBIN CORBETT (Hemel Hempstead, Lab) asked whether the Attorney General had received either an interim or complete report of investigations by Scotland Yard into allegations of corruption made by Mr John Drummond against Detective Inspector Lewis and three other Metropolitan Police officers and whether he had yet decided what action to take.

MR SAMUEL SILKIN, in a written reply, said—I have made inquiries of the Director of Public Prosecutions and I am informed *that the report of the police investi*gation was considered by the Director of Public Prosecutions who decided on the advice of Treasury Counsel that there was no case for proceedings. In these circumstances no request for a fiat under the Prevention of Corruption Acts was submitted to me.

Parliamentary notices

House of Commons

Today at 11.00: Congenital Disabilities (Civil Liability) Bill, second reading.

Diplomacy to 'cool' Argentine incident

*MR ROWLANDS, Under-Secre*tary for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs (Merthyr Tydfil, Lab), in a statement about yesterday's attack on a British vessel by an Argentine destroyer, said: The Almirante Storni fired shots across the bows of the Royal Research Ship Shackleton. The Argentine destroyer threatened to fire into Shackleton's hull if she did not heave to. Subsequently the destroyer ordered the Shackleton to proceed to the port of Ushuaia near Cape Horn.

The Governor of the Falkland Islands instructed the captain to continue steaming towards Port Stanley, which he did.

The incident took place 78 miles south of Cape Pembroke as Shackleton was returning from a period of scientific work in the south west Atlantic under an international programme.

On learning of the incident, the Secretary of State (Mr Callaghan) immediately instructed the chargé d'affaires at Buenos Aires to deliver the strongest protest to the *Argentine Government and to* request that the Argentine destroyer immediately be ordered to stop harassing the Shackleton.

I also protested to the Argentine chargé here in equally vigorous terms. The Argentine Government has been left in no doubt of the serious view we take of this incident.

MR TUGENDHAT, an Opposition spokesman on Foreign and Commonwealth affairs (City of London and Westminster, South, C)—We are worried about the position of the Falkland Islanders. They are almost entirely dependant on the Argentine for their external communications and wholly so for *air communications. Could* Mr Rowlands confirm that there are only 37 Royal Marines on the islands and that the only Royal Naval vessel is HMS Endurance?

We do not wish to exacerbate the situation with the Argentine, but it is in these circumstances that a display of weakness is most *likely to precipitate precisely* the kind of crisis we wish to avoid.

What steps would be appropriate to strengthen the garrison on the Falkland Islands and strengthen the naval presence? Is it the Government's intention, as reported in the press, to withdraw HMS Endurance in March?

MR ROWLANDS—We have made clear to the Argentine that we do not expect any repetition of such incidents. Any further incidents would call into question the very basis of our political and commercial relationships with the Argentine. The House would not expect me to think aloud about the *further action we might have to* take in the light of further developments.

There are 37 marines, and HMS Endurance is at Port Stanley with helicopters which were useful in the reconnaissance work yesterday. We will be considering what further action is necessary in the light of developments and of our request for a response from the Argentine.

MR CONLAN (Gateshead, East, Lab)—This is the second provocative action by the Argentine Government within a matter of weeks. The Islanders will be worried about the situation. In the circumstances it is far better to play this matter cool in order to remove the anxieties and tensions that obviously exist.

MR ROWLANDS—We shall do everything possible to cool the situation. We appreciate the worries and concerns of the islanders in such a situation. We shall take every diplomatic initiative to cool the situation.

MR THORPE, Leader of the Liberal Party (North Devon, L)—Will he confirm that since the Falkland islanders wish to remain under the sovereignty of this country we realize and accept all the responsibilities and liabilities that that carries with it? (Cheers.) Was the chargé d'affaires in a position to say what was the explanation or attempted justification for the action which the minister has talked about?

MR ROWLANDS—The chargé d'affaires did not give an explanation last night. They have served a Note upon us to say that they claim the waters 200 miles the Falkland Islands for the as being part of their claim islands as dependencies. W this claim clearly.

MR HOOLEY (Sheffield, Lab)—While an attack on armed vessel such as the S ton is clearly indefensible, as we continue to hang nineteenth-century colonies the globe we will be gett this kind of situation. (Co tive protests.)

MR ROWLANDS—The of the Government is cle respect the wishes of the F islanders. (Cheers.)

MR LUCE (Shoreham, C)-It is Britain's responsibility tect the interests of the is will he give an assurance Government will not scra Endurance, as has been sug in the next defence review?

Will the Government w Latin American Governmen whom we have close and im ties to press the Arg Government to stop bullyi islanders?

MR ROWLANDS—No has been taken to scrap Endurance. She is at Port S We take every *diplomatic* tunity to make representatio to make sure that the views ings and wishes of the Fa islanders are understood in America as a whole.

Impact of VAT on electrical goods

MR EDWIN WAINWRIGHT (Dearne Valley, Lab) asked if, in view of the recent drop in the home market of the purchasing of home produced electric hair-dryers and toasters, the Chancellor of the Exchequer would reduce VAT to 8 per cent on such goods.

MR SHELDON, Financial Secretary to the Treasury—I cannot anticipate the Chancellor's Budget statement.

MR WAINWRIGHT—Will he take into account when studying what is going to happen that the Hotpoint factory in my constituency is on short time and is *greatly affected?*

MR SHELDON—The 25 per cent rate of VAT cannot be held responsible for the decrease in demand *for electric hair-dryers and toast*ers. There is great concern that there are a large number of imports of these items.

MR WYN ROBERTS (Conway, C)—Is he aware of the extent to which we are faced with foreign competition in the domestic appliance industry? These are low price imports and 25 per cent VAT discriminates against the home produced, high quality product.

MR SHELDON—VAT was introduced as a broad-based tax that was without discrimination. It was a tax I reluctantly inherited. My task reluctantly is to administer *the rather inadequate tax in some* respects that we have.

The domestic electrical appliance industry will be much advantaged by the removal of the hire purchase and credit restrictions which has been well received by the industry as a whole.

MR McGUIRE (Ince, Lab)—*While there are other factors* which have led to the extinguishing of a factory in my constituency, Thorn, the 25 per cent VAT rate has crippled the industry. (Labour cheers.)

Will he take on board the pleas of the electric appliance industry that they need to have this rate *substantially reduced if they are to* survive?

MR SHELDON—Following the monitoring exercise of certain aspects of VAT set in train after last year's Budget, a report on which I will be receiving within the next few days, all these matters will be available for consideration *before the Budget judgment is* determined.

East-west road plans preferable for Wales

MR GWYNFOR EVANS (Carmarthen, Pl Cymru) moved: "That this House deplores the failure of successive governments in not creating an industrial infrastructure for Wales which includes a road, rail and air communications system and which would make possible the development of a balanced Welsh economy."

He said the London establishment would not face up to the basic cause of the situation which had been destroying the Welsh nation. That cause was the unitarist, centralist, metropolis-dominated state which it was determined to maintain. The devolution debate had shown that left and right were united in the defence of the present state structure.

Welsh people should have the political power to design their own economy. The result of all the years of regional planning was less jobs for men there than there were 10 years ago. But still the people heard the parrot cry that *the* future would be better. Where was the evidence for that?

For generations (he said) Wales has been conned into the belief that this old, imperial, centralist structure serves her best interests. The time has come when the conning will have to stop.

The road system in Wales was inadequate and the rail system had been savaged. A Welsh transport board was needed for the integration, *modernization*, expansion and revitalization of the Welsh transport system—freight and passenger.

MR ANDERSON (Swansea, East, Lab) said the word "balance" had been stressed but the fear was that the Welsh nationalists defined that as unifying the nation. They thus distorted the needs of Wales. For him balance meant principally the speeding up of communications with the major markets of Wales. For the nationalists balance meant improved north-south links but for the Welsh Labour MPs it meant improved east-west links.

MR WYN ROBERTS, for the Opposition (Conway, C) said it was difficult to comment at all on the speech of Mr Evans. He gave no explanation about where the resources would come from for the isolationist development of communications which he envisaged for Wales.

Among other things, the motion attacked the Conservatives. But they had consistently stressed the importance of improving the infrastructure of Wales as a means of *improving its economy and attract*ing new business.

The railway unions and others were *deeply disturbed at the grim* prospects ahead. The Government should come clean on the situation developing in Wales and tell them what was in store for them regarding road, rail and freight communications.

It was important to get the relationship right between infrastructure development and direct incentives. Infrastructure had a vital part to play in regional development and largely determined the effectiveness of their measures.

In future, the Government must look carefully at infrastructure development proposals and try to assess their value as closely as possible in terms of promoting economic growth.

There was only going to be limited amounts of money available and it was vital they should get the maximum benefit from whatever investment was made by the Government in Wales.

MR GERAINT HOWELLS (Cardigan, L) said it was essential that all interested parties should get together in Wales to discuss the possibilities of improving *transport and building new roads.* No more rail lines should be allowed to close.

MR KINNOCK (Bedwellty, Lab) said debates like *this* removed them from the cockpit of the pro- and anti-Concorde argument and permitted them the opportunity of balancing the elementary necessity of improving the communications system in Wales against the kind of priorities that seemed to have been adopted.

MR BARRY JONES, Under-Secretary, Welsh Office (East Flint, Lab) said the Secretary of State had carefully chosen policies that would help create better communications and a better industrial structure in Wales. It was folly to presume that any road programme could escape the need to contain public expenditure.

There were some 30 miles of the *M4* currently under construction in Wales at an overall cost of about £100m. The Government were determined to follow the east-west road strategy and the M4 would make a dramatic contribution to the economy of south Wales.

The Government would continue to pursue an east-west strategy in north and south Wales while not neglecting the north-south links. They appreciated the importance of the existing rail network which would greatly benefit from the service of the high speed train.

The motion was rejected by 242 votes to 19—Government majority, 223.

An effectiv wealth tax promised b minister

MR LAMONT (Kingston-Thames, C) asked what pla Chancellor of the Exchequ to abolish dividend restraint.

MR JOEL BARNETT, Secretary (Heywood and R Lab)—The future of *dividend* straint will be considered development of the counte *tion policy as a whole.*

MR LAMONT—Divider straint does help the rich investor who wants capi mulation and *not income*, the case, as the Diamond sion pointed out, th beneficiaries of abolishin restraint would be small pension funds and chari do the Government want penalizing them?

MR BARNETT—Succe ernments have felt that of dividend restraint was in the context of any co tion policy.

MR BRAY (Mother Wishaw, Lab)—If one is restraint for the re stated, the natural o *would be an effective* m

MR BARNETT—We introducing an effect tax.

Secondary collapse

MR HUGH DYME East, C) asked what Secretary of State for posed to take following of his inspectors into of London and County

MR CLINTON DA Secretary, in a writte I am advised that the p les are nearing comple the Director of Public will be considering th there are civil claims sued, these fall to be the respective liquid companies concerned.

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Next week

Business in the House of Commons *will be*:

MONDAY: Private members' motions on foreign policy and morality, the need to establish industry, and on secrecy of British government. Motion on Select Committee on Abortion. Motions on Community Land Orders and Landlord and Tenant Regulations.

TUESDAY: Estate Work Regulation Bill, second reading.

WEDNESDAY: Debate on state intervention in the motor industry. West Midlands County Council Bill, second reading.

THURSDAY: Water Charges Bill, second reading. Motion on EEC documents on agriculture.

FRIDAY: Sexual Offences (Amendment) Bill, second reading.

Business in the House of Lords will be:

TUESDAY: Damages (Scotland) Bill and Land Charges (Amendment) Bill, report stage. Rating (Caravan Sites) Bill, third reading. Trade Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Bill, re-committed.

WEDNESDAY: Debate on the electoral system.

THURSDAY: Damages (Scotland) Bill. Child Benefit, Incurable Patients Bill, second reading.

Government Bill soon to protect plants

House of Lords

The Licensing (Amendment) Bill was read the third time and passed.

The Rating (Caravan Sites) Bill passed the report stage.

LORD WYNNE-JONES (Lab), moving *the second reading of the* Endangered Species Bill, said it was to protect the endangered species of flora and fauna throughout the world.

It differed from other Bills on the same matter in that it dealt with endangered species not only in this country but with the import and export of endangered *species* it was the result of an international convention adopted at Washington in March, 1973.

The Bill would require importers and exporters to obtain licences, and these would be controlled by the Government through the advice of a scientific authority. The Bill attempted to deal as *quickly as* possible with the trade in rare plants and animals which it was internationally agreed were endangered.

LADY STEDMAN, Baroness in Waiting, said the Government wholeheartedly supported the Bill's general aims. The objectives of the convention on international trade in endangered species was a great step forward in international cooperation in conservation.

The Government fully intended to ratify the convention and were introducing a Bill on the subject in the Lords next week. In view of this she urged Lord Wynne-Jones *to withdraw his Bill.*

LORD WYNNE-JONES said he would prefer that his Bill remained until the House had had *time to study the Government's* Bill.

The Bill was read a second time.

Anxiety over lending right delay

LORD STRABOLGI, Captain, Yeoman of the Guard, said the Government hoped shortly to publish a Bill to provide for a public lending right for authors.

LORD WILLIS (Lab)—There is growing anxiety and distress among authors because libraries' allocations have been cut down and publishers are cutting back on their lists. A great many authors are worried because the proposal for a public lending right was put into the Queen's Speech in 1974 and 1975, and still we hear that the Bill will be introduced shortly. Cannot we be told something more definite than that?

LORD STRABOLGI—I cannot give him anything more precise. Shortly means as soon as possible. (Laughter.)

LORD PAGET of NORTHAMPTON (Lab) said the Bill might have a very rough passage.

It is a Bill (he said) to subsidize the rich author at the expense of the part-time author and it is the part-time author who should have encouragement.

LORD WILLIS—Absolute nonsense.

House adjourned, 8.14 pm.

SNP 'conning Scots into tartan chaos'

MR DONALD STEWART (Western Isles, Scot Nat), opening a debate on Scotland, moved that the salary of the Secretary of State for Scotland be reduced by £1,000 a year.

He said the Labour Party in Scotland had issued a document which purported to show that an *independent Scotland would* be worse off than it was now. Why then were Scandinavian countries, with fewer resources than those of Scotland, enjoying a better standard of living and had done so for a long time?

Compared to England, Scotland exported more a head and saved more a head. Furthermore, Scotland could feed itself from its own resources, which was beyond the capacity of England. A country that had that basic resource was in a strong position in the world.

The record of the Government over the years to promote the Scottish economy and provide adequate employment was so poor that it was safe to say that no Scottish Government could do worse.

MR WILLIAM ROSS, Secretary *of State for Scotland* (Kilmarnock, Lab) said there had been nothing to indicate that the Scottish NATIONALIST Party had any credible policy whatever. It was time they produced a White Paper giving to the Scottish people the facts and consequences of separatism as well as the dangers. They *were conning the Scottish people* into tartan chaos and the people would give them their answer.

The increase in unemployment in Scotland had been substantially less than most other parts of the United Kingdom. One of the reasons for the slower rise in Scottish unemployment was North Sea oil, *and the jobs it had brought to* Scotland. Those people who would advocate a slow rate of depletion of oil should bear in mind the employment consequences of such an action.

People who supported the case for a separate Scotland would do well to remember that regional *policy and separation were incom*patible. There would be no regional policies, as they knew them, under a separatist policy.

They knew that the Scottish people were dissatisfied with the present situation; they had a right to be, but the improvements everyone wanted would not be brought about simply by the act of separatism.

The Government had introduced selective measures to protect employment and sustain economic prosperity. The only long-term solution to their problems was to increase investment substantially *in new types of industry, and to* increase productivity.

The nationalists had overplayed their oil card. Superficially oil and its revenue might appear to give separatism a certain economic credibility, but there were important economic arguments which *the nationalists chose to ignore. To* stake Scotland's future on limited reserves of a single commodity subject to fluctuations in world prices would be a gamble.

The Government had made clear that they would use the oil revenue for the benefit of Scotland and the other areas of the United Kingdom *in need of development. Scotland's* future lay with the future of the United Kingdom and the Government would press forward in making it a success.

MR BUCHANAN-SMITH, chief Opposition spokesman on Scotland (North Angus and Mearns, C), said no one in the House, and most of all the Government, should feel any complacency for the present situation in Scotland. A lot of the responsibility for this lay with the *Government.*

Oil offered great prospects for Scotland, but in the oil industry there was not the feeling of confidence that there was a year ago. Again this rested with the Government. There had been interference with the industry and dithering over licences and platforms were *being completed with no other* orders in the pipeline.

MR LAMBIE (Central Ayrshire, Lab) said the people of Scotland, especially those in the west of Scotland, were being led up the garden path at the moment. Because they were dissatisfied with the problems of the Labour *Government, they were voting for* people who were more reactionary than the Conservatives.

MR RUSSELL JOHNSTON (Inverness, L) said it was not enough to demand independence for Scotland and go on to say that the land would flow with oil and honey.

While nationalism and emotionalism might work in politics, as it seemed to have so far, it did not work in international industry and commerce because they dealt with logic and the need for results.

MR CRAWFORD (Perth and East Perthshire, Scot Nat) said that the Government should resign and fight a general election on the *issue of the Scottish economy.*

MR MILLAN, Minister of State, Scottish Office (Glasgow, Craigton, Lab) said unemployment in *Scotland was a matter of serious* concern.

It was not possible to isolate the United Kingdom from the world recession. Within that situation Scotland's record relative to the United Kingdom over the past 18 months had been good.

The gap between Scottish and United Kingdom wages had now narrowed to the extent that it had virtually disappeared.

The point about North Sea oil on which the SNP based their case was that it was the politics of resentment and that was a dangerous basis on which to govern Scotland or any other country.

The motion was rejected by 235 votes to 213—Government majority, 22.

Swimming pool safety

MR STEPHEN ROSS (Isle of Wight, L) was given leave to introduce the Swimming Pool (Safety Regulations) Bill covering the use of privately owned swimming pools made available for public use.

He said the Bill would extend the powers of local authorities under *the Public Health Act 1936 so as to* require the proprietors of swimming pools used by the public in an ancillary capacity but for which a separate charge was made to abide by the bye-laws for public pools.

The Bill would cover pools such as those at hotels and holiday camps.

In 1973 the total of deaths in all types of pools was 59. The Royal Society for the Prevention of Acci*dents claimed that perhaps as* many as 29 of them had occurred in pools not classified as open to the public.

The Bill was read a first time.

Development area jobs cost £13,300 each

MR GREGOR MACKENZIE, Minister of State for Industry, in written replies, said that 1,143 requests for financial assistance were received under Sections 7 and 8 of the Industry Act 1972 in the period March 1 to December 31, 1975. Ninety-six applications were *rejected and 607 were still under* consideration on December 31. Some 174 applications came from Scotland.

The average cost of new jobs in the development and special development areas of Great Britain expected to be created by projects offered assistance under *Section 7* of the Industry Act between April 1, 1976 and November 30, 1976 is estimated (he said) at £13,300. 43 per cent of which will be contributed from public sector funds (including regional development grants under Part 1 of the Industry Act as well as selective assistance under *Section 7* and assistance from other public sector sources).

Child allowances

MR JOEL BARNETT, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, in a *written reply, said that the treat*ment of allowances for children, including the guardian's allowance, would be reviewed before child benefit was introduced next year.

Science report

Embryology: How mice make wings

Grafts of mouse tissue on developing chicks' wings can "*instruct*" the formation of those wings, according to some recent experiments by Professor L. Wolpert and his colleagues at the Middlesex Hospital Medical School, London.

It has been known for many years that some special regions in growing embryos are instrumental in the formation of the surrounding tissues. Professor Wolpert has identified such a region in chicks' wings, and has discovered an analogous region in mouse limbs. The grafting experiment shows that chick tissue can read mouse instructions but interpret them to make a wing and not an arm.

The special region in this case is known as the zone of polarizing activity, or ZPA. The ZPA controls the development of the "digits" of ever-decreasing length that are the skeleton of the wing. The blob of tissue that is to become the chick's wing "decides" which digit to turn into according to its distance from the ZPA. So if an extra ZPA is grafted on to the other end of an undeveloped wing, extra digits develop under its instructions.

Professor Wolpert and his colleagues have shown that extra digits develop in a similar way if the superfluous ZPA is taken from a mouse arm instead of another chick's wing. The mouse and the chick tissue were taken from embryos at much the same *stage of development*, which is relatively easy to do because the two species develop at similar rates; indeed, at early stages most embryos, from frogs to humans, look very much the same.

The only conspicuous difference between the extra digits that develop under the influence of a chick ZPA and those that develop on instructions from a mouse ZPA is that the mouse tissue seems able to specify only two digits rather than three. That may be either because the mouse signal is weaker or because it is less easily transmitted through chick tissue.

Professor Wolpert has already demonstrated some degree of economy in embryonic signalling by showing that chick leg ZPAs can instruct wing development. His latest research extends that economy to embrace different species. What he still does not know is the chemical nature of the signal. But once that extremely long-standing puzzle is solved it seems that it will probably be solved for all vertebrate animals at once.

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Church news

Appointments

Diocese of Chelmsford

The Rev J. E. Cox, St Chad's, Longford, dio to be priest-in-charge Canvey Island.

The Rev T. J. Pigrem, Margaret with St Patrick be Team Vicar of St Pau

The Rev G. A. Thom Barking, to be Team Church, Barking.

Diocese of Portsmo

The Rev F. J. Chee Colomb Minor, Newqu diocese of Truro, to be I of St George's, Arnfiel

The Rev G. R. Nor St Alban's, West Leig of St John the Baptist

Diocese of Truro

The Rev H. F. Gris Lezant and Lawhitton Dean of Trigg Major.

The Rev M. Ingram, RAF to be priest-in-Exeter.

The Rev J. Rescue, R nan, to be Rural Dean South.

Resignations and ret

The Rev A. C. H. of Bickleigh and Cadle Exeter, in April.

The Rev W. T. Pa West Parley, diocese April 30.

The Rev C. E. C. Ri of Derry Hill and Sa case of Sarum.

Prebendary G. J. Cu fice of Stokesay, diocese

The Rev A. G. Ch Charge of St Ewe, di in November.

The Rev R. A. Tyl Heytesbury with St K Knook, diocese of Sarum

Episcopal Church in

The Rev J. R. Ba St Finnian's, Lochgelly priest-in-charge of St A Georges, Forsyth, and C Inverkeithing, diocese of

The Rev H. Khroni, in St Paul's, Kinross, in-charge of St Andrew's, case of St Andrew's, Dunb

The Rev R. North, of also Rector of Edinburgh, diocese of Edinburgh.

The Rev J. [illegible], C. Craig, diocese of All Saints, in-charge of All Saints, Glas diocese.

The Rev J. C. Wig Polytechnic of Central L Rector of St Thomas's, diocese of Edinburgh.

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would be better to make a clear statement about hunting and shooting policies.

The society was not planning any campaigns or demonstrations, but it felt it must say what was right and wrong. It had been accused over the years of being rather hypocritical and of sitting on the fence; it was now time to give some positive answers on all aspects of animal welfare.

No one on the council took part in any form of bloodsport, shooting or angling, Mr Crisp said, although he agreed that a number of RSPCA members "obviously do". They would still be members of the society, he said. The RSPCA did not want to dictate to people what they should do; it just hoped they would revise their views.

Mr Robert Nuttall, chief executive of the National Federation of Anglers, which has about 500,000 coarse-fishing members, said he hoped the RSPCA would find out what was happening in angling before it made any statement. In coarse-fishing the catch is not normally eaten, but is returned to the water after weighing.

In the 73 years of the NFA's existence it had taken a close look at its practices. "If we think something is undesirable, we stop it", Mr Nuttall said. "We have made many changes to ensure there is no cruelty in coarse fishing; we even have have a consultant biologist on our council to advise us on this."

The Salmon and Trout Association, which has 4,000 members, and the National Federation of Sea Anglers, which represents about a million anglers, both denied that there is any cruelty in rod-and-line fishing.

Vote settles dispute in Poetry Society

By Our Arts Reporter

A dispute over the composition of the Poetry Society's general council has been resolved after a postal vote of the membership.

The result was announced yesterday. It also resolves a controversy about the editorship of the society's magazine, *Poetry Review*.

The postal ballot resulted in a two-to-one majority against a move at a recent special meeting to oust six members of the council and replace them with others chosen by the requisitioners of the meeting. Only about a third of the members voted, with 319 ballot forms received.

Resolutions that would have created a board of five members, instead of the present single editor, to edit *Poetry Review*, were lost by 195 votes to 124. However, the general council's own resolution that any group requiring a postal vote should pay for it did not carry the necessary 75 per cent majority: 58 per cent voted in favour.

Mr Laurence Cotterell, the society's chairman, commenting on the resolution of contentious issues, which have received wide press coverage, said the energies of the society could now be concentrated anew on its proper work of fostering poetry appreciation and satisfying "the immense nationwide appetite" for readings by leading poets.

Government facing crucial challenge on dock work Bill

By George Clark
Political Correspondent

The Opposition whips intend to muster the full Conservative strength in the Commons on Tuesday in an attempt to defeat the Dock Work Regulation Bill, which seeks to extend the dock labour scheme to all cargo handling establishments within five miles of a waterfront.

This is the preeminent Bill this session on which the Government faces defeat. It has been held up because of objections by several unions to the threatened incursion into their "territory" of the members of the docks and waterways section of the Transport and General Workers' Union.

Mr Foot, Secretary of State for Employment, is said to have reached an agreement with the dissident unions about changes to be made in the Bill, and his assurances on Tuesday may dissuade one or two union-sponsored Labour MPs who have been making threatening noises.

Mr Atkins, Opposition Chief Whip, has refused any "pairing". That means that all Conservative and Labour MPs attending the plenary session of the European Parliament in Strasbourg will be called back to vote. There will be no pairing for the sick. If the sick-list does not change, that means that the Labour Party would lose three votes because of unavoidable absences.

The Liberals, the Ulster Unionists, and the Scottish and Welsh nationalists have all declared against the Bill, so the scene is set for one of the closest results this session.

Sir Peter Kirk, Conservative MP for Saffron Walden and leader of the Conservative group in the European Parliament, and Mr James Scott-Hopkins (Derbyshire, West), his deputy, yesterday issued a protest about the Government's decision to bring the Bill on next Tuesday.

Mr Mellish, Government Chief Whip, has told Labour backbenchers on the European delegation that his hand was forced because Mr Atkins refused pairs. Mr Atkins has explained that for a less important Bill he would have allowed pairs, but his party wanted to resist this Bill with every vote possible because it was so objectionable.

Conservative spokesman have said that the Bill would put into the hands of the dockers a weapon that, in the event of a dock strike, would allow them to shut off the supply of imported food to the shops.

The Conservatives object to the Bill's extension of the dock labour scheme to "all harbours on the sea and every place within five miles of the sea or of any major inland waterway opening to the sea", which would bring many inland ports and cargo handling premises under the work rules of the National Dock Labour Board. The definition covers many inland waterways.

A compromise has apparently been reached, and it will be explained that long-established cold storage, packaging and warehousing establishments, and operations not related to work directly transferred inland from the docks will be excluded from the scheme. But there are difficulties of definition about this concession, and the Government is still determined to bring within the dock labour scheme a large number of establishments that have been built away from the waterfront in recent years, largely to escape the difficulties experienced in the traditional dockland areas.

Mr Booth, Minister of State, Department of Employment, told the Parliamentary Labour Party last night that the Government now had support for the Bill from all the unions, including the small ones.

Dismissed six seek reinstatement

By Ronald Kershaw

The "Ferrybridge six", who, an industrial tribunal decided this week, were unfairly dismissed by the Central Electricity Generating Board, are to seek reinstatement in their jobs at Ferrybridge C power station. At a meeting at the home of Mr William Sarvent, general secretary of the Electricity Supply Union, to which the six belong, yesterday afternoon, they instructed their solicitor to apply immediately for reinstatement.

The decision was taken in spite of the fact that the chairman of the industrial tribunal, Mr G. M. Smailes, went out of his way in the judgment published on Tuesday to explain why no recommendation had been made for reinstatement of the six men. The unanimous conclusion of the tribunal, he said, was that reinstatement would not be practicable and in accordance with equity. He pointed out the risk of industrial strife at the power station if they were.

The Ferrybridge power station, he said, should not be subjected to further irresponsible action by the six, whom he described as "unyielding" and "irritant".

Mr Sarvent said last night: "We accept that we have been unyielding and possibly irritant, but we do not accept that we have been irresponsible. All we ask is that our record be looked at."

Members of the four unions at Ferrybridge represented on the national joint industrial council that negotiates terms and conditions of CEGB employees, have indicated that they will oppose reemployment of the six men.

Our Labour Editor writes: The Electricity Council is not now expected to appeal against the finding of unfair dismissal brought in by the Leeds Industrial Tribunal. But an appeal about possible compensation terms may still be made to the Employment Appeal Tribunal, a body being set up under the 1975 Employment Protection Act under the chairmanship of Mr Justice Phillips and drawing on the industrial relations expertise of laymen from both sides of industry appointed on the recommendation of the Lord Chancellor and the Department of Employment.

Aire Valley inquiry held up for the ninth time

From Michael Horsnell
Shipley

The Aire Valley trunk road inquiry was called off for the ninth time yesterday after a protest by West Yorkshire County Council that hearings in private prevented law-abiding objectors from attending.

Mr Ernest Ridge, the inquiry inspector, who, on Wednesday, decided to exclude the public because of constant disruption, agreed to the county council's request for an adjournment until next Tuesday, while a larger hall is sought. He indicated that he might reopen the inquiry to the public with stricter law enforcement.

Mr Jeremy Burford, counsel for West Yorkshire County Council, said that law-abiding objectors, who included members of his own council, were at the mercy of disruption from others in the tiny hall set aside by Mr Ridge for the public, to which the inquiry proceedings were relayed.

Mr David Keene, counsel for the Department of the Environment, said a move was unnecessary because only three objectors were present in the public hall yesterday. The protesters who stormed into the inquiry in the council chamber at Shipley town hall on Wednesday had boycotted the hearing.

In a statement later, Mr Geoffrey Funnell, vice-chairman of Steeton with Eastburn Parish Council, called for Mr Ridge's replacement by a commission of inquiry.

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"I have discussed the contents of your letter with the Director of Public Prosecutions and we do not think that any further or separate police investigations over and above those already in progress are necessary or could be justified."

Mr Humphrey Atkins, Conservative Chief Whip, demanded that Mr Smith should reveal the name of the person who had made the allegations. Yesterday Mr Smith replied to Mr Atkins that he was not permitted to disclose the name of the person concerned.

Mr Smith added: "I would stress that I at no time alleged that such a payment had been made; merely that I had been told so, and I immediately, in the same breath, made it clear I did not believe it; nor do I."

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A questionnaire to be sent out today asks them if they believe in the principle of freedom of choice for patients and doctors to receive and practise medicine privately and within the NHS; whether the compromise proposals worked out by Lord Goodman provide adequate safeguards for the continuation of a viable independent medical sector; and whether they would be prepared to resign or to take industrial action over the issue.

The result of the questionnaire should be available at the February 24 meeting.

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MP accused of altering car test certificate

Arthur Lewis, Labour MP for Newham, North-west, appeared at Ealing Magistrates' Court, London, yesterday accused of altering a test certificate to obtain tax for a car. He denied that he altered the dates on an MoT certificate for one of his four cars.

He told police officers investigating the alleged offence that the only possible explanation was that two car cleaners who had taken the car for testing had altered the certificate and pocketed the test fee.

Mr Doiran Williams, for the Director of Public Prosecutions, said Mr Lewis maintained that two kerbside car cleaners had knocked at the door of his home in Doveridge Gardens, Palmers Green, London, and asked to clean his Rover car. He had agreed, and asked them to repair his Ford Zodiac.

Afterwards they offered to take the Zodiac for testing as the MoT certificate was out of date. Mr Lewis had handed over the documents of the car in case they were stopped by the police. They brought the car back later, saying it had been tested, but Mr Lewis said he did not bother to check the documents.

The hearing was adjourned for three weeks.

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d trainee ted their July have ding to a Peirson, r College about an umber of students who completed their initial training last year.

Mr Peirson said that about a quarter of the jobless trainees were not immediately seeking employment as teachers. The results of the survey were published on Wednesday by the National Association of Teachers in Further and Higher Education.



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WEST EUROPE

Mr Tindemans says he proposes gradual move to economic union and not a Europe 'à la carte'

From Michael Hornsby
Brussels, Feb 5

In his first public reply to criticism of his recently published report on European union, Mr Leo Tindemans, the Belgian Prime Minister, today strongly denied that he was proposing a "two-speed" EEC with two different categories of membership. On the contrary, his aim was "to reinforce the Community in all its aspects".

All he was recommending, Mr Tindemans said, was that in the gradual move towards economic and monetary union certain countries (such as Britain and Italy) would be allowed a longer time than their partners in which to implement jointly accepted commitments. All, however, would be under binding agreement to attain the same ultimate goal.

Far from wishing to accentuate the present differences between the economic and monetary policies of the Nine, his purpose was to help to reduce them through remedial action taken jointly within a Community framework. The last thing he wanted to see was "a Europe *à la carte*".

Mr Tindemans's defence of his proposals came in a speech at the opening in Brussels of a three-day congress of the European Movement convened especially to discuss his report. The European Movement embraces a variety of international non-government associations working for the greater unity of the continent.

Last month, Mr Callaghan, the Foreign Secretary, expressed "serious doubts" about the two-speed concept saying that it could lead to the breakwarnings have been given by M François-Xavier Ortoli, the M François-Xavier Ortilo, the President of the European Commission, and Sir Christopher Soames, one of its Vice-Presidents.

Despite his rejection of the two-speed label, Mr Tindemans did not show convincingly today that commentators had been unjustified in applying it to his proposals. He was much more persuasive in arguing that his recommendations were the only commonsense response to an already existing situation.

It was a fact of life, he pointed out, that because of their difficulties, Britain, Italy and Ireland were less advanced along the road to economic and monetary union than the other six members of the EEC who had accepted the discipline of the joint currency float known as the "snake".

At present, the management and development of the snake system was essentially in the hands of the participating countries. What he was proposing was that henceforth it should be dealt with in a Community framework involving all Nine members and the European Commission.

The Nine should agree on action to strengthen the snake system and to enable weaker members to join. They should also increase the effectiveness of the European Monetary Co-operation Fund, which should become the "embryo of a European central bank" in particular by some pooling of reserves". This would involve the richer helping the poorer.

There was no reason, however, why certain countries should not be given more time to implement these jointly agreed objectives, provided that they were able to satisfy both the Council of Ministers and the European Commission that they had valid reasons for not proceeding at the same pace as their partners.

The thrust of Mr Tindemans's defence was that his proposals represented the only way of making any progress at all towards economic and monetary union, which he regards as the indispensable foundation of European integration. The alternative would be to let the present stagnation continue with the risk of further fragmentation.

In a separate address, M Ortoli appeared to modify some of his earlier criticisms of the Tindemans report. He agreed that it was possible to envisage differences in the national implementation of common policies, provided the overall aim was "to eliminate and not to accentuate existing disparities".

Signor Moro on brink of precarious minority rule

From Peter Nichols
Rome, Feb 5

Signor Aldo Moro, the Prime Minister-designate, today looked set to form a minority Christian Democrat Government. The indications are that it will be one of the most precarious governments in Italy's postwar history.

He is due tomorrow to report to the national executive of his party, armed with the Socialist promise of abstention in a vote of confidence on his proposed minority administration.

Similar indirect help from Social Democrats and Republicans would enable him to see through Parliament the measures he has devised to help the economy and to deal with the monetary crisis.

The decision on whether a minority administration is a viable idea will be made by the Christian Democrats tomorrow but in the face of strong criticism from Signor Visentini, the outgoing Minister of Finance, of Signor Moro's fiscal proposals.

When the Socialists brought down the Government on January 7 they justified their action on the ground that the country needed an emergency administration strong enough to deal with its troubles. National difficulties have markedly increased in the meantime. So have complications within Signor Moro's own party.

He has tried a variety of forms of coalitions without success. The idea of a minority Christian Democratic Government was envisaged as a last resort simply to provide a ministry which could deal with the most urgent financial provisions and deal with business until the Christian Democrats and Socialists had held their national conferences.

Struggle to achieve democratic freedoms linked with demands for restoration of regional autonomy

Bankers speak for Catalonia

From Richard Wigg
Barcelona, Feb 5

Catalonia is the region of Spain where the pressure from the citizens and an emerging political class on the Government for genuine democratization is now strongest.

What is remarkable is the unity and the realism with which this political class is lobbying for its demands which stubbornly link the return of liberties enjoyed under the republic of the 1930s with a restoration of Catalonia's political autonomy.

In the recently formed Council of the Political Forces of Catalonia a series of demands on both issues has been approved unanimously by 11 groups ranging from West European-style liberals (or Heathian conservatives) to communists who carefully adopt the Italian party's now fashionable moderate approach.

While the Basques are divided concerning both the means and ends of their regional aspirations, the Catalans' pragmatism allows them to argue that political autonomy within a federal Spanish state should not to be seen as an obstacle in the effort to democratize Spain, but as an element which could help achieve it.

It is, moreover, difficult for Madrid to brand the emerging Catalan politicians as "rabble-rousers" when the two leading advocates of democracy and regional autonomy are both prominent members of the Barcelona "establishment" and bankers. They are Senor Ramon Trias Fargas, who is also a university professor, and Senor Jordi Pujol, a self-made man who once faced a death sentence when put on trial for speaking up for Catalan regional interests by the Franco regime.

Senor Trias leads the Esquerra Democratica which is recognized by the Liberal International.

He told me today: "We must now keep up the pressure on the Government, in the universities, factories and in business so that at least it produces a few tangible facts of democratic reform, such as the amnesty and political activities for the parties.

"If we can get near enough to a real democracy, if it appears it would offer us a chance, then it would be worth while to start intervening in the process: they would not then be Fraga's elections, but our elections as well." Senor Fraga Iribarne, the Minister of the Interior, has promised elections with universal suffrage at municipal level this autumn and for a new Parliament next spring.

Senor Pujol, a social democrat who leads the Democratic majority of the half of the Convergence of Catalonia, emphasized the importance of the municipal elections in Barcelona. If the democratic opposition parties jointly succeeded in winning a substantial seats to be contested, the sitting councillors, handpicked by the Franco regime, would be without any authority, he argued.

"What is crucial is that some of the rules of the democratic game are established. For a year or two Spain's democracy may be incomplete, but one the system has opened a few doors and the voters have gone through them, it should be impossible to bring them back," Senor Pujol remarked.

A return to an authoritarian regime would be so fatal to Catalonia, economically and culturally, he said, that he was sure that after two or three years another attempt would be mounted to establish democracy in Spain.

The parties of the Council of the Political Forces of Catalonia refuse a direct dialogue with the present Government, but if Senor Fraga manages to put through in he coming months a few key reforms, or even strengthens the de facto tolerance of political liberties now emerging, all of them including the communists, are likely to fight the autumn municipal elections.

Despite its relative prosperity Catalonia is one of the regions were the communists might do well in elections.

Court close case of the cooked geese

From Dan van der Vat
Bonn, Feb 5

The reputation of 40- range geese escaped unsc today when the *Land* cou Bonn decided to drop pro ings against them in a action alleging a breach o peace.

Three judges deter that the whole issue, a ca volving a farmer and his bour, was now academi cause the entire flock had slaughtered for Christmas the farmer, encouraged b ruling, now intends to r them.

The case opened last am when Herr Josef Eiloff, a gineer, lodged a compla the local equivalent of magistrates' court that geese, the property of Karl-Heinz Heyden, a f living next door, were k him awake by night and erally disturbing him by

Herr Eiloff demanded terim injunction which have obliged the farm keep his geese indoors by But that, Herr Heyden a would have prevented him truthfully describing the as "free-range", and have affected their tast versely when served u Christmas lunch. Beside told the magistrates, the were not especially noisy.

The magistrates visite farmyard several times, b and by night, and found the geese were remar orderly, despite deliberate vocation by bright lights by having plastic bins th at them.

They noted that only chief gander of the flock acted by honking loudly. rest merely exhibited symptoms of insecurity then subsided.

The lower court there threw out the complaint. Herr Eiloff, convinced tha farmer, as he argued in appeal to the State Court, have added a tranquillizer the birds' feed, decided to the matter further.

Normally, Herr Eiloff po out, poultry reacted imm ately to being disturbed. it not a flock of geese, he s the court, which once s Rome from being stormed night? Had geese not used as recently as the Vie war in the role of watch or rather watch-birds?

A spokesman for the judges handling the appeal today that the case had lapsed, as far as the law concerned, because the c had just been informed that whole flock had been slau ered seven weeks ago.

The judges had also v the farm to see for themse he said. They had asked Heyden informally, on it that he wished to repla flock, to fence them in section of his property removed from Herr ... house.

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Russian requests asylum in The Netherlands

From Our Correspondent
The Hague, Feb 5

Mr Konstantin Rusini, a Soviet veterinary surgeon, who has been hiding in The Netherlands since Christmas Eve, has been given a six-month residence permit while his application for political asylum is being considered.

Mr Rusini, who together with another veterinary surgeon had come to Holland to inspect cows which were to be shipped to the Soviet Union, left his hotel in the northern provincial capital of Groningen on December 24 shortly before he and his colleague were due to catch their aircraft back to Moscow. Dutch officials said at the time they feared he might have had an accident.

The Soviet Embassy applied to the Dutch authorities officially for information on Mr Rusini's whereabouts.

He apparently walked into a police station somewhere in the north of the country and applied for political asylum. When he did this is not known, nor is his place of residence at this moment.

The Soviet Embassy in The Hague has pointed out that Mr Rusini has a wife and two children in Russia.

Arabs fail to stop forum on plight of Soviet Jews

From Our Own Correspondent
Brussels, Feb 5

Arab and Soviet attempts to persuade the Belgian Government to ban a forthcoming world conference on Soviet Jewry were "totally incomprehensible", the organizers said today.

At a press conference in Brussels, where the conference is due to open later this month, Mr David Susskind, the secretary-general of the conference, said he was amazed that the Arab countries and the Russians were trying to stop an event of purely humanitarian dimensions. It was astonishing that these countries dared to ask a free country to act in a way which contradicted the very essence of its liberty.

In the past few days, Arab and Soviet authorities have protested against the planned conference, which is designed to draw public attention to what is considered to be the worsening plight of Jews in the Soviet Union.

This week, the Algerian, Egyptian, Iraqi, Syrian and Saudi-Arabian ambassadors called on Mr Renaat Van Elslande, the Belgian Prime Minister. They claimed that the conference was designed to encourage the emigration of Soviet Jews to Israel in a way which would reinforce its military potential.

Mr Van Elslande explained that the organization of the conference was completely outside the jurisdiction of the Belgian Government and that events of this kind were permitted provided there was no risk of them disrupting public order. The Government's attitude would be identical if the Palestinians, for example, were to organize a similar forum.

Mr Susskind said the organizers did not have to justify the conference to anybody. But he could say categorically that the participants did not wish to interfere with Russia's internal affairs, nor with the Arab-Israeli conflict. The conference was to deal with the problems of Soviet Jews and nothing else.

Announcing details of the three-day conference, he said he expected more than 1,000 delegates from 50 countries to attend. Participants would include such personalities as Mrs Golda Meir, the former Prime Minister of Israel, and Senator Frank Church, a leading member of the United States Senate's foreign relations committee.

CIA said to have plans for coup in Rome

From Our Own Correspondent
Rome, Feb 5

The United States Council for National Security has contingency plans ready in the event of Communist entry into the Italian Government, according to Mr Victor Marchetti, a former Central Inteligence Agency (CIA) agent. He said that the final resort would be a military coup.

Mr Marchetti is quoted in the news magazine *Panorama* as saying that the CIA has a principal role in the formulation of these plans. The right-wing coup would be planned by the Italian counter-intelligence service which he describes as a "key element" in the CIA's plans. The military coup would be followed by the installation of a military junta on the Chilean pattern.

The CIA would make use, he is reported as saying, not only of the Italian counter-intelligence service but also of neo-fascist groups and the Mafia.

TUC delegation may be sent to Spain

By Christopher Thomas

Mr Jack Jones, General Secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, could head a Trades Union Congress delegation to Spain Spain as part of a campaign for democracy It would be his first visit since the Spanish civil war in which he fought.

The possibility of sending a delegation will be considered on February 14 when 10 Spanish trade unionists, including one just released from political detention, meet British union officials at a conference in London.

The conference will consider whether British workers should support stringent measures to isolate Spain's trade and commerce, including a boycott of telephone and postal communications and a ban on transport to and from the country.

The TUC international committee, chaired by Mr Jones, this week passed a resolution demanding restoration of full democratic rights and free elections, the release of political prisoners and legalized free trade unions and political parties.

Mr Jones said that until full democratic rights were restored, economic harassment should be maintained and increased by the British Government.

Delegates back new image of French communism

From Charles Hargrove
Paris, Feb 5

Speakers on the second day of the French Communist Party congress defended the leadership's decision to drop the tenet of the dictatorship of the proletariat from its ideological arsenal.

M Georges Ansart, a member of the Politburo, had emphasized yesterday evening that this was a problem of semantics of some importance: "We want to show that we do not make a fetish of words." The objective was not merely to cease to frighten people off, but essentially to take into account the facts of the existing situation in France, and of the great changes in the past decades.

"The notion of the dictatorship of the proletariat has no longer a place in our strategy. It has even become an obstacle", he said. It was more than ever essential to eliminate everything which might be an obstacle to the "great coming together of all Frenchmen".

Today's speakers insisted that the ideological turning point did not involve in any way a weakening of the class struggle, or of the leading role of the Communist Party, or giving weapons to the upper-middle class to attack socialism more easily when it came to power.

The aim of the Communist Party was to win power with its allies on the basis of the broadest popular concensus. This would make it possible to isolate the upper-middle class and beat it on its own ground.

To enrich the ideology of Marxism-Leninism, as Lenin had recommended, and make it fit the political realities of the country was not to stray from it. This enrichment was essential, a delegate of the Loire emphasized; and he thanked M Georges Marchais, the party's secretary-general, for having "put his foot in it" by starting a debate on the matter.

M François Mitterrand, the Socialist leader, does not believe the Communist Party's evolution is purely tactical. "A great majority of communists hoped for this evolution, and it will be difficult for the party to turn back", he said in an interview with the newspaper *La Croix*.

"Some militants, some leaders, who have lived in strict observance of the teachings of Lenin, will be upset", he said. "They will ask themselves, 'where does reformism begin?'. Hence probable tensions."

M Jean Lecanuet, the Minister of Justice, thinks, however, that the Communists have "changed their mask, but not their skin". If they came to power, the mask would fall. "I make the bet the left will lose the elections", he said on the radio.

But *Le Quotidien de Paris*, an independent left-wing newspaper, writes today that the entourage of the Prime Minister is not so sure and feels that "an improvement of the Communist Party's image, could, in time, make the union of the left credible, and therefore more dangerous".

Warsaw Pact practise attacks near Denmark

From Our Correspondent
Copenhagen, Feb 5

Warsaw Pact military attack exercises in the Baltic area have moved steadily closer to Denmark over the past five years and now regularly include feigned attacks by flights of up to 50 bombers which turn away just before entering Danish airspace, the chief of defence staff, General O. Blixenkrone-Moeller, has told a parliamentary committee.

He was answering questions from the standing committee on defence, which is preparing a new multi-party agreement on defence expenditure over the next six years. Military sources here said that the general's request for more funds for radar and other warning systems was based on a steady build-up of Warsaw Pact military activities in the Baltic.

Over the past 20 years beach landing exercises by the Warsaw Pact countries have moved west along the Baltic and are now held at Rügen, East Germany

Practically every week one or more vessels from the Warsaw countries circumnavigate the island of Zealand and several other observation vessels are permanently stationed just outside Danish waters.

Malta Opposition quits deputy leader is penaliz

From Our Correspondent
Valletta, Feb 5

Dr George Borg Olivier's Nationalist Opposition walked out of the Maltese Parliament in protest last night after Dr Vincent Tabone, its deputy leader, had been suspended for eight days for refusing to withdraw a question to Mr Dom Mintoff, the Prime Minister.

Dr Joseph Abela, the Finance Minister, had deplored a leading article in yesterday's *Times of Malta* dealing with a special repatriation deposit scheme launched by the Government to attract back to Malta some of the £M200m invested by Maltese people overseas, mainly in Britain. Under the scheme investors repatriating their capital will be given 8 per cent interest on their money and the capital repatriated will be reinvested in stronger currencies.

Among other things the leading article contained the words: "After all, the central bank would be making a substantial profit on the disparity of the exchange rate of sterling with the Malta pound." Dr Abela said that this allegation had already been made in the newspaper's sister paper, *The Sunday Times of Malta*. After it he had made a statement, which the newspaper carried, emphasizing that "not one single cent of profit was made in for the simple reason assets and liabilities monetary authorities by exactly equal amo foreign monies were ated".

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Unions join wine growers' prot

From Our Own Correspondent
Paris, Feb 5

For the first time since the wine growers of the Languedoc-Roussillon region launched their campaign of demonstrations, strikes and sabotage against Italian wine imports, they were joined today for their "day of action" by trade union organizations, shopkeepers, government employees and agricultural workers.

Their slogan is *volen viure al pais* (we want to live at home) in the local dialect. The protest is not only against the crisis affecting the market for cheap wines, but also against the economic stagnation of the area in general.

As a mark of solidarity, the wine importers of the Gard decided yesterday to stop their wine purchases provisionally.

"Three and a half million hectolitres crossed the frontier into France from September to December of last year, and a good million in January alone", according to M Marcellin Couret, the president of the Federation of Cooperative Cellars of the Hérault, which is the biggest wine producer of the four departments of the region.

Groups of wine growers in the Gard and the Hérault were up to their standard practice yesterday of stopping road tankers and spilling the contents on to the road. In one case 120,000 litres were spilled

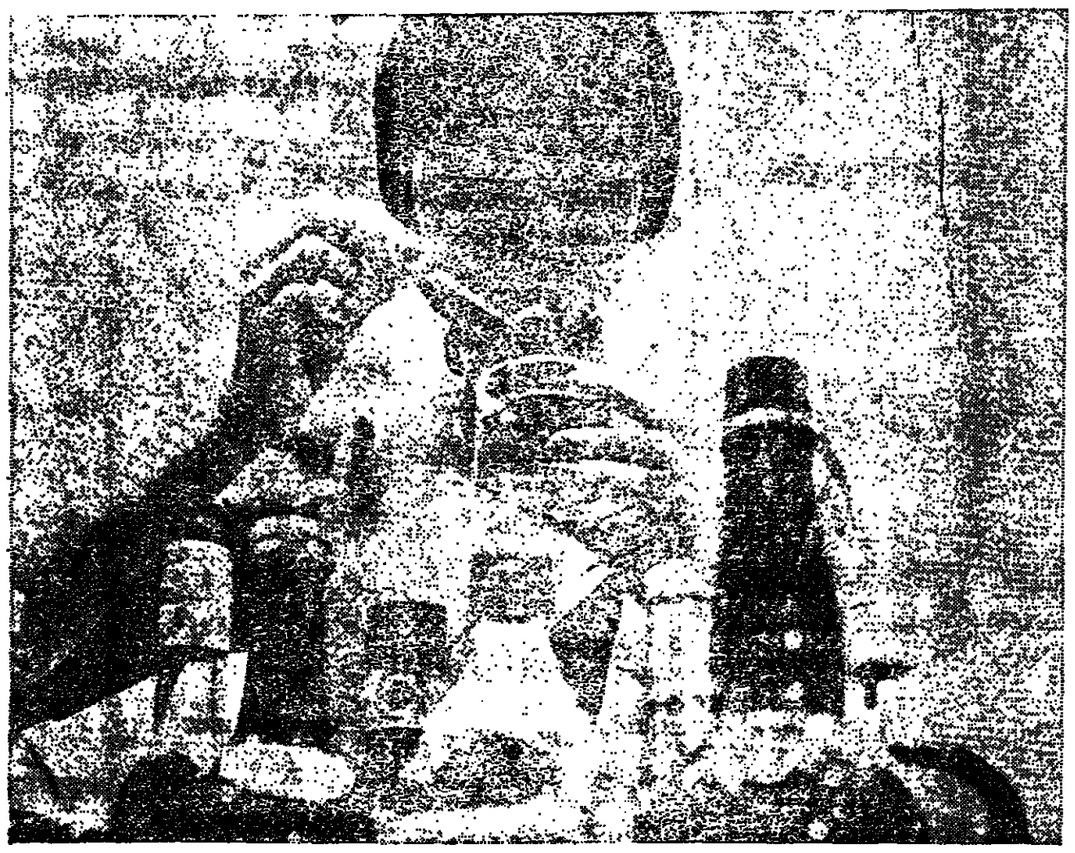
Today's demonstrations centred on the main towns of each of the four departments, the mairies and shops were closed, except the supermarkets.

Our Brussels Correspondent writes: The Franco-Italian wine war is in danger of flaring up again as the European Commission in Brussels struggles to find a solution to the agricultural problems posed by the latest decline in the value of the Italian lira.

Faced with a new *de facto* devaluation of more cent in the value o the Commission has whether to introdu taxes and subsidies or duce to and from th are required to e trade in agricultura and to guarantee fai for farmers in view o fluctuations.

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huge funds for federal aid for airport construction and improvement. Concorde opponents will doubtless try reintroducing their bans.

Some of the force of their argument has been dispelled by Mr Coleman's insistence that his approval is provisional and will depend on what in fact happens when Concorde flies in on a daily basis. It remains that a ban could still pass both Houses, but President Ford would be likely to veto it.

It is not clear what is to happen in New York—although the Air France office there announced today it was accepting reservations. British Airways was keeping a list of interested passengers.

Mr Coleman, a black liberal Republican lawyer from Philadelphia before being picked by President Ford for his Cabinet, is so widely respected and his decision so well reasoned, that the more responsible authorities in New York have reacted with great prudence.

Even Governor Hugh Carey, a confirmed Concorde opponent, stopped short of saying he would try vetoing flights from Kennedy airport. He asserted that his position was unchanged —that he was still "concerned about Concorde". Mr Carey noted that Mr Coleman's decision would require the critical permission of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey.

The chairman of that authority, Dr William Ronan, said only that Mr Coleman's decision would be discussed with local officials. The New Jersey governor, Mr Brendan Byrne, announced that he would not use his veto, although he suggested Mr Carey might do so.

The New York Board of Trade, a body representing 500 New York corporations, commended Mr Coleman's trial period.

Mr Coleman seems to have hobbled his opponents with one admonition. He said: "emotion, surely compassion, has a rightful place in great decisions as well as small. But uninformed emotion is not an appropriate basis for decisions . . for there is a danger here, as in so many public controversies, that theories set forth as facts may persist even after the actual facts establish the contrary. . . ."

Sydney, Feb 5.—Australia's Environment Protection Authority has recommended against allowing flights by Concorde to Australia, the Victoria state Opposition leader, Mr Clive Holding, said today.

He called for a report by the authority to be made public immediately. The report, he said, condemned Concorde mainly on the ground of excessive noise.—Reuter.

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Conrail may initially get up to $2,400m in government loans and the other companies will also be assisted. They will repay the loans when they make profits and are able to raise cash in the private markets. Special provision has been made for long-term subsidies to Conrail's passenger services.

Amtrak, the company established by law in 1973, will receive up to $1,750m to develop a high-speed passenger system from Washington to Boston.

Amtrak and Conrail may buy equipment from Britain and some negotiations have already taken place.

Hundreds of millions of dollars are also being made available to improve plant and equipment and reorganize company structures in other regions.

The Act reduces the regulatory powers of the Interstate Commerce Commission. It should greatly increase the flexibility of companies to finance their operations, change their fare structures and go forward with mergers and acquisitions while still preserving the competition that President Ford believes is more effective than Government regulation in holding down fares and preserving passenger services.

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In the House of Commons, Mr Edward Rowlands, Joint Under-Secretary of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, said that the Argentine Government had been left in no doubt about the serious view taken of the affair. The Charge d'Affaires in Buenos Aires (the Ambassador was recalled at Argentina's request) had delivered the strongest protest, and had requested that the destroyer should be orderrd immediately to stop harassing the Shackleton.

The research ship, he said, had been returning from a period of scientific work in the south-west Atlantic under an international programme. Yesterday she remained at Port Stanley in the Falklands, where she had gone after the firing. Meanwhil ethe Government was considering whether to take further action, such as recorse to the United Nations.

Leaders of mercenaries make secret flights

By Stewart Tendler

Three of the organizers of the British mercenary contingent waiting to fight in Angola yesterday flew secretly from Belgium to Britain with funds for the operation.

A chartered light aircraft picked them up at Stapleford in Essex, Norwich and Gatwick and took them to Muddelkeke airport near Ostend on Wednesday night. From there they drove into Brussels which was fogbound. All three were then flown back to Gatwick.

They arrived at 1.30 am yesterday as the mercenaries were settling in for the night at the Post House Hotel near the airport.

The aircraft belongs to Thurston Aviation Ltd, of Stapleford. The men paid cash for the flight.

When the men arrived at Gatwick there were difficulties over the funds because the airport's banks were closed. Brussels has been used as a staging point for earlier contingents of mercenaries and Belgium is reputed to be one one of the conduits for the operation's funding.

Despite the arrival of the funds, the new recruits spent their second day as mercenaries waiting yesterday for a flight after spending the night at a cost of nearly £1,000 in 60 rooms of the hotel. They were booked in as a "skiing party which had had its flight delayed".



Some of the mercenaries move their luggage from an hotel near Gatwick airport

Last night, after a day of being chased by the press the men, according to an organizer, had booked into another two hotels and were due to fly out today. Since Tuesday the would-be allies of the Western-backed forces in Angola have been arrested by police, hidden in a church hall in east London and waited around Gatwick for something to happen.

They have been issued with canteen kits, ponchos, trousers, tee-shirts, lightweight sleeping bags and paratroop smocks bearing paratroop wings. They have been told that Belgian paratroov boots will be supplied later.

Thirty men left the group on Tuesday night and others are reported to have given up since.

Our Legal Correspondent writes: A suggestion made in the House of Lords by Lord Goronwy-Roberts yesterday that the Foreign Enlistment Act of 1870 might be used to stop British mercenaries volunteering for service in Angola appears to be ill-founded.

The Act makes it punishable by up to two years' imprisonment for a British subject to enlist in the army or navy of a foreign state "at war with any foreign state at peace with Her Majesty". Another section makes it an offence to leave Her Majesty's dominions with intent to fight for "any foreign state at war with a friendly state".

Both these sections envisage a state of war between one state and another, and do not appear to cover the situation in Angola.

Dr Luns attacks US 'paralysis' on Angola

From Our Correspondent

Ottawa, Feb 5

Dr Joseph Luns, the Nato Secretary-General has criticized the United States Congress for cutting off the flow of American military assistance to pro-Western factions in the Angola civil war.

The action of Congress was "not very encouraging", he told a news conference in Ottawa yesterday. "The consequences might be rather serious."

Because of the Congressional initiative, the United States had been gripped by a sort of paralysis in its response to large-scale Soviet and Cuban intervention in Angola. "Government by assembly is not the best government possible", Dr Luns added in reference to the American legislative branch.

The Angola question dominated the news conference, held after Dr Luns had conferred with Mr Trudeau, the Canadian Prime Minister, Mr Allan Maceachen, the External Affairs Minister, and Mr James Richardson, the Defence Minister.

The Nato Secretary-General gave a warning that there might be repercussions in other parts of Africa if the Russians were allowed to get away with their intervention. Seeing that the democracies took no action to prevent all of Angola from falling under Soviet sway, other African countries might also succumb.

Cape Town: Mr Piet Botha, the South African Defence Minister, today angrily denied that he gave strategic information to a United States newspaper about South Africa's military role in Angola.

His statement was made in reply to accusations by Opposition leaders that he had given the information to the *Washington Post* before making it public in South Africa. They termed Mr Botha's interview with the newspaper as an affront to millions of South Africans. It was "unforgivable contempt of Parliament".

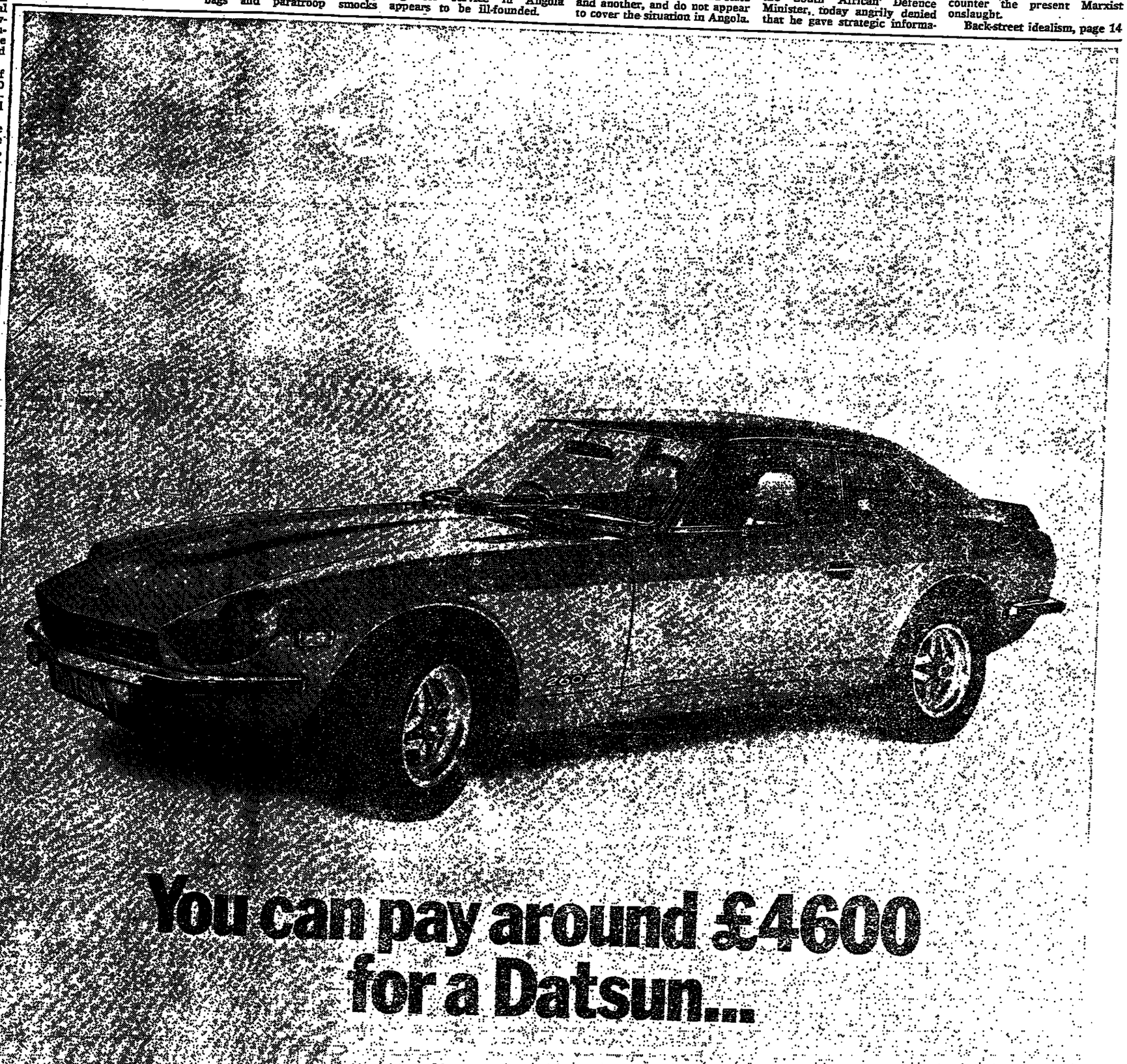
The *Washington Post* quoted Mr Botha as saying that South Africa was holding various points in southern Angola up to 30 miles inside the country from the west Atlantic coast to the Zambian border with Angola; and also that South Africa had between 4,000 and 5,000 troops patrolling the area and looking after refugees in southern Angolan camps.

In a statement today Mr Colin Eglin, leader of the Progressive Reform Party, said: "Mr Botha gave America information which he refused to give the South African public and evaded giving Parliament in the no-confidence debate last week."

In his own statement, Mr Botha said the information given to the *Washington Post* "could easily have been deduced" from information already disclosed

Lusaka: The Union for the Total Independence of Angola (Unita) was ready to intensify the civil war with bombing raids on its Marxist rivals, a spokesman said today. He added that Unita could marshal jet bombers within 48 hours to counter the present Marxist onslaught.

Back-street idealism, page 14



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A distressed family standing before the ruins of their home in Guatemala City, struck on Wednesday by violent earth tremors.

Ruling party in Japan is shaken by allegations of Lockheed bribery

From Peter Hazelhurst
Tokyo, Feb 5

Allegations that the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation of America has paid some $10m (£5m) in bribes and gifts to a former war criminal and a trading house to secure sales contracts for its aircraft started a controversy in Tokyo today that shook the foundations of the conservative ruling Liberal Democratic Party.

The Japanese press and television networks today published evidence delivered before a Senate subcommittee in Washington yesterday. According to an American auditor, Mr William Findly, who had examined Lockheed's accounts, the corporation hired a former convicted war criminal, Mr Yoshio Kodama, a well-known right-wing politician who is closely associated with leading politicians and businessmen, as its agent in Tokyo.

According to Mr Findly, Mr Kodama received millions of dollars in cash which had to be transported in secret in packing cases. Mr Findly apparently told the committee he did not know how Mr Kodama used the money but significantly it was pointed out that Nippon Airways, Japan's largest domestic airline, has purchased 14 Lockheed jet TriStars at a cost of between £8m and £10m each since 1972. Seven more are due for delivery.

The Lockheed F104 was selected as Japan's main fighter in 1959. At the moment the representatives of big American aircraft producers are locked in a cut-throat battle in Tokyo to secure a huge contract for a new fighter.

Japanese newspapers pointed out that the Defence Department had tentatively decided to select the Grumman F11 as Japan's main fighter in April 1958 but the decision was cancelled in December 1959 and Lockheed was awarded the contract. At the time the Government was led by Mr Nobusuke Kishi, who is known to be a close acquaintance of Mr Kodama.

The *Mainichi Shimbun* claimed tonight that Mr Kodama had also approached another former Prime Minister, Mr Eisaku Sato, four years ago to decry the accident rate of one of Lockheed's competitors, the Douglas F4EJ fighter.

Mr Findly also alleged that Lockheed paid one of Japan's largest multinational trading houses, the Marubeni Corporation, $3m (£1,500,000) in bribes. The President of the Marubeni Corporation, Mr Taichir Matsuo, hotly denied this today. He said the corporation had received $2m from Lockheed, but he went on to explain that Marubeni had acted as the import agent for 14 TriStars and the sum represented commission fees.

However, he could not explain how a coded receipt signed by the corporation's managing director, Mr Yoshiro Ito, and declaring: "Received 100 peanuts" happened to be found in Lockheed's accounts in the United States. Questioned at a press conference, Mr Ito declared vaguely that someone in Lockheed asked him to sign the receipt but he was not aware of its significance.

As the Communists and Socialists prepared to use the controversy to belabour the ruling party, which is closely associated with the interests of big business, it became clear today that the politicians will demand an inquiry to establish what happened to the $7m which Mr Kodama apparently received from Lockheed .

Mr Kodama, aged 65, is a conservative politician who is described in Japan's *Who's Who* as having "connexions with financial and political circles as an undercoverman". He made a fortune acting as a procurement agent for the Japanese Army in China during the Second World War. He was subsequently jailed as an "A-class" war criminal by the Allied forces and was released in December 1948.

If the allegations are proved correct, the Japanese Government will find itself in a highly embarrassing position shortly before it faces a crucial general election this year. Mr Kodama is closely associated with an influential right-wing faction of the ruling party.

While the Government put its back to the wall today, promising a statement after a full investigation, the Opposition lost no time in launching a frontal attack against Mr Takeo Miki, the Prime Minister.

Zurich, Feb 5.—The Swiss national airline, Swissair, today expressed surprise at Senator Frank Church's allegations that its officials had received bribes from Lockheed and said it had ordered an investigation.

A Swissair statement said the company had not bought a Lockheed aircraft for 43 years. A spokesman added that the airline's New York executives had been instructed to contact Washington to learn more about the allegations made by Senator Church, chairman of the Senate's subcommittee on multinational corporations.

Senator Church said yesterday that Lockheed used a special secret account to buy business intelligence and pay officials of European airlines including Lufthansa, Scandinavian Airlines and Swissair.

Rome: Two former Italian defence ministers, Signor Luigi Gui and Signor Mario Tanassi, today issued statements denying allegations that they took money from Lockheed to push sales of its military aircraft.

The denials followed disclosures by the subcommittee that two unnamed Italian defence ministers, their parties and collaborators received sizeable sums for helping to sell 14 Hercules C130 transport aircraft to the Italian Air Force.

Ankara: Lockheed's agent in Turkey denied today that he received money from the company's headquarters for "gifts" to third persons. "No such money exists, so no handouts are in question", Mr Nezih Dural said. "The allegations are comical."—Reuter and UPI.

How an aircraft salesman was chosen

From Frank Vogl
Washington, Feb 5

An interdepartmental letter of the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation, dated November 3, 1972, starts by stating that "our consultant in Germany, Christian Steinrucke, has recommended that he be given $8,000 to be distributed between the two political parties in Germany as a procurement hedge" towards the sale of a Jetstar aircraft.

The names of the parties and details of other direct Lockheed payments to German political parties are not given in company documents that have been released in Washington by the Senate subcommittee on multinational corporations. However, informed sources said the committee has a wealth of material suggesting that a whole series of payments were made to officials and politicians in Germany to secure military aircraft sales by Lockheed.

The documents released give some insight into how Lockheed went about its operations in West Germany. Fuller details may be disclosed tomorrow when the Senate committee holds another hearing with Lockheed executives facing cross-examination on their dealings in Western Europe and Japan.

Another Lockheed internal letter of July 9, 1973, outlines how Herr Steinrucke came to be chosen as Lockheed's agent. Significantly, it discusses his political contacts but fails to mention anything about his knowledge of the aircraft industry.

In this letter a Lockheed executive describes how he went to a dinner at Herr Steinrucke's house outside Düsseldorf, which was attended by such people as Vice-Admiral Heinz Kihale, chief of the German Navy, and Dr Mommsen, now managing director of Krupp and formerly State Secretary in the Ministry of Defence. The executive notes that the dinner gave him a good opportunity to discuss Lockheed aircraft with the Navy chief.

In conclusion the executive states: "I was impressed with the political, military, financial and industrial associations that Steinrucke has in high circles. It seems to me that he possesses many of the assets that we seek when we arrange for effective local representation in a foreign country."

A telegrame of August, 1972, notes that the German agent "has committed DM40,000 (£7,600) to the political parties and for which he will produce receipts. In addition he wants DM100,000 for his commission and from which he will have to meet certain other obligations and for which there will be no receipts."

In April, 1974, another letter notes that the contracts with Herr Steinrucke "may be illegal" and that for security reasons the agent does not want an agreement to mention the type of aircraft for which he will get commissions. A further letter discusses commissions for Lockheed's S-3A aircraft, noting that Herr Steinrucke is to get $100,000 for every unit sold to the German Navy.

In December, 1974, an interdepartmental memo emphasizes that Herr Steinrucke's payments should be made to an account in the Swiss Credit Bank in Zurich.

Lockheed announced today that its board of directors has appointed a special committee "to supervise an audit and investigation of commissions and payments on sales contracts".

Reshuffle strengthens Bhutto Government

From Our Correspondent
Rawalpindi, Feb 5

Mr Bhutto, the Pakistan Prime Minister, today reshuffled his Cabinet for the fourth time since coming to power in December, 1971. He appointed General Tikka Khan, the Army Chief of Staff, as Special Assistant for National Security, with full Cabinet rank. The general will take up his new post on March 1, when he retires from the Army.

The Prime Minister has retained all members of his last Cabinet and brought in two new ministers and two ministers of state, raising the strength of his Council of Ministers from 21 to 26 some 15 months before general elections are due.

Full Cabinet rank has been conferred on Mr Aziz Ahmed, who, as Minister of State for Defence and Foreign Affairs, has been running the Foreign Ministry. Mr Bhutto himself continues to be Minister in Charge of Foreign Affairs and Defence.

Three new special assistants, including Mr Shahid Husain, a vice-president of the World Bank, have been appointed while two previous special assistants, Mr Malik Khuda Bux Bucha (Agriculture) and Mr Feroz Quaiser (Economic Affairs), have been dropped. The Prime Minister was reportedly worried over stagnation in the agricultural sector and a decline in industrial output.

Today's reshuffle saw the revival of the Ministry of Information, which was abolished when the last Government changes took place in October, 1974, as well as several new military appointments.

Lieutenant-General Sharif, who has acted as Army Chief of Staff on many occasions, will take over the recently created post of Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee from March 1, and Lieutenant-General M. Ziaul Huq, a corps commander, will take over from General Tikka Khan as Chief of Staff.

The full Cabinet list as as follows:

Prime Minister, Defence and Foreign Affairs: Z. A. Bhutto.
Interior, State and Frontier Regions: Abdul Qayium Khan.
Food, Agriculture Cooperatives, Underdeveloped Areas and Land Reforms: Shaikh Muhammad Rashid.
Education and Provincial Coordination: Abdul Hafeez Pirzada.
Finance, Planning and Development: Rana Muhammad Hanif Khan.
Social Welfare, Local Government and Rural Development: Malik Meraj Khalid.
Communications: Mumtaz Ali Bhutto.
Production: Rafi Raza.
Religious Affairs and Minorities Affairs Overseas: Kausar Niazi.
Fuel, Power and Natural Resources: Yusuf Khattak.
Commerce and Tourism: Mir Afzal Khan.
Railways: Hafeezullah Cheema.
Industries, Kashmir Affairs and Northern Areas Affairs: Qalon Ali Shamn.
Law and Parliamentary Affairs: Malik Muhammad Akhtar.
Information and Broadcasting: Muhammad Hanif Khan.
Housing, Works and Urban Development: Nasir Ali Gavi.
Labour, Manpower, Health and Population Planning: Taj Muhammad Jamali.
Attorney General: Yahya Bakhtiar.
Ministers of State—
Defence and Foreign Affairs: Aziz Ahmad.
Labour and Manpower: Abdul Sattar Gabol.
Establishment: Major-General Jamal Dar (retd.).
Health, Population and Planning: Chaudhri Jahangir Ali.
States and Frontier Regions: Abdul Akram.
Science and Technology, Cultural Affairs and Provincial Coordination: Malik Jafar.
Education: Atmullah.
Tourism: Saeedur Rashied Abbasi.
Cabinet: Muhammad Amin.
Food: Mumtaz Ahmad.

Sithole writs case postponed

From Our Correspondent
Salisbury, Feb 5

The Rhodesian Government denied in the High Court today that it or any of its agencies were connected with the disappearance of Dr Edson Sithole, the African nationalist leader, and his secretary, Miss Miriam Mhlanga.

Mr Charles Waddington, the Solicitor General, told the court that the Government was "completely innocent in this mysterious affair".

He was speaking after the court had granted a postponement in the hearing of an application for writs of habeas corpus calling on the Government to produce Dr Sithole and Miss Mhlanga, who is 16. The postponement was sought by lawyers acting for the families of the missing couple on the ground that an important witness in their case, Mr Amon Muradzika, a black Rhodesian soldier, was in Malawi and it was not known when he would return.

Maintaining enthusiasm for seven projects at once

"I'm greedy", says Mai Zetterling, trying to explain just how it is that she is currently working on seven separate projects. The eighth—a television documentary of the Olympic Games which she was due to start filming on Monday—she has reluctantly abandoned because of a union dispute in Sweden. She is also phenomenally energetic, a good looking, slight woman of 50 with an unnerving air of competence, and a very decided manner that verges on the brisk.

To cope with all this work Mai Zetterling has simply cut down the amount of time she sleeps to four and half hours each night. "It took me some time to get over the obsession 'I shall be a wreck if I don't have eight hours sleep' but once I had done that it was easy." What gives her the energy is the slightly possessive enthusiasm she seems to feel for every activity she is engaged in, as if it will somehow escape her, or be spirited away by others, unless she keeps hard at it.

One of the things that makes it all possible is presumably the very diversity of the projects. She has been in her time, with no mean success, writer of film scripts, fiction and plays, actress, film director, and producer.

Mai Zetterling began as an actress. The step-daughter of a Finnish sailor turned hat-maker, she left school at 13, and suffered such profound feelings of educational inadequacy that she hardly dared speak until she was 20. By then she had been to the National Theatre School in Stockholm, and, a fair-haired, frail-looking girl, starred in her first film *Frenzy*, directed by Alf Sjoberg and scripted by Ingmar Bergman.

Although she lived in Australia until she was six, she knew no English and had to learn it all again, parrot fashion, when she came to England to star in *Frieda* (as a war bride) at 21, and signed a seven-year contract with Rank. Her English today is impressive: she speaks at immense speed with no hesitation, and a barely perceptible note of foreignness. She writes only in English. Swedish, she says, is the language of her insecutities and her unhappy childhood.

During her twenties, with growing distaste, she played roles for Rank like the Italian contessa in *The Bad Lord Byron*. She kept her self esteem by occasional parts in the theatre, whenever she could in Ibsen, Chekhov or Strindberg. Her moment of decision came when she turned down a Hollywood offer to star with Gregory Peck, and opted instead for £20 a week at the Lyric, Hammersmith, in *The Wild Duck*.

This brought her to the early sixties. "I am a five year planner", she says. "And the wonderful thing is that it works." Her goal this time was to make her own full length feature film. The way to get there: documentaries. She made four low budget films for the BBC about the Lapps, and the Gypsies in the Camargue, both rather radical, and slightly predictable. "Then I embarked on a short feature: *War Games*. It lasted 14 minutes. I used all the money I had and borrowed some." It won her first prize at the 1963 Venice Film Festival, and it also made her future as a film director. She returned to Sweden, the only country that would back her, made *Loving Couples*, and then *Night Games*, from a script of her own, films that were commercially successful, and tartly labelled "pornography for profit" by Shirley Temple Black at the 1966 San Francisco Film Show.

The second five year plan took her into writing fiction, for which she says she felt like Rilke, such a deep need, that not to write would be to die. "It was as if I had to get rid of something. Almost a demon taking over". The demon produced first an intense and ethereal book of stories, *Shadow of the Sun*, and then a novel, *Bird of Passage*, published this week.

Bird of Passage is an oddly gripping story about a woman trying hard not to be mad, written in a breathless and sentimental monotone. At the end the woman appears to be winning.

During the Unesco conference of women film makers last summer, she distributed a questionnaire to the participants, and was appalled to hear what a rough time most of the women had over backing. Since then she has formed a Women's Film Association, recruited 60 members, and campaigned for more women critics, equal representation on selection committees, and cinemas specializing in films made by women.

She is now through with five year plans. With the amount she has in mind that might be daunting. She is writing a script for a play based on Strindberg's *Miss Julie* and Strindberg's own three wives—she has always been obsessed by Strindberg—due to start rehearsal at the Greenwich Theatre in April. "I don't like straight plays any more", she says. "I get a terrible feeling of claustrophobia in the theatre."

Meanwhile, with a book on herbs, and a children's film she plans in Sweden, this summer, the play and the women's film group, she has also embarked on another novel, and continues work on the two "really important" projects she has dreamt about.

Her other plan is more mundane but no less ambitious. *Simone de Beauvoir* has asked her to co-produce a seven hour television documentary, filmed in different countries, based on *The Second Sex*.

Caroline Moorehead



Photograph by Harry Kerr

A Government dilemma as the hypothermia deaths mount

A state of war on the Government has been declared this week by the voluntary agencies campaigning for a cohesive policy to stop the mounting toll of deaths from hypothermia among elderly people and the prospect of young babies being irreparably damaged by the cold.

Over 100 local action groups have been sent "action kits" containing tactical advice on how to avoid fuel supplies being disconnected—and they have been advised not to let them fall into the hands of "the enemy": the fuel boards. The gas and electricity supply unions have been urged to instruct members to disobey orders by not disconnecting supplies where old people or young children are living. The unions seem likely to respond.

Those salvos reflect the mounting anger of the agencies, triggered by the rising toll of deaths from hypothermia this week. They have warned the Government consistently that such deaths would happen if swift action was not taken to ensure that old people and poor families could pay their fuel bills in a period of mounting prices. They are incensed that, now the predicted tragedies are occurring, responsible ministers are urging people to act as good neighbours and consult their social workers for help.

"What we need is policy changes, not buck-passing to ordinary people and social workers who are already overloaded", Mr Bill Taylor, development officer of the British Association of Settlements, says. "What on earth do they think is going to happen if neighbours, milkmen, and social workers all keep their eye out for old people in difficulty and they are still disconnected or, more likely, will not use their heating for fear of the bills?"

The evidence from the hypothermia deaths this week suggests that old people are indeed not using their heating equipment for fear of huge bills—electricity prices have risen by 80 per cent in the past 18 months. But one of the major problems is not simply making sure that old people can pay their bills, but persuading them that enough heating is neither a luxury nor unpatriotic.

Old people are more subject to cold and need, on official advice from the Department of Health and Social Security, to live in temperatures of 70°F to stay warm in winter. That temperature should apply to bedrooms and bathrooms as well as living rooms. But in a nation that has traditionally gone to bed in the cold and washed in "bracing" temperatures, older inhabitants are the hardest to convince.

Hypothermia is a condition where body temperature falls excessively below normal—which may be a matter of only a few degrees. Because it triggers a number of other illnesses—from pneumonia and bronchitis to heart attacks—it is rarely defined as the cause of death.

Official figures show that hypothermia is rarely given as the main or sole cause of death, although it is known that 60,000 more old people die in the winter months than in the summer. The agencies estimate that hypothermia related deaths are as high as 80,000 a year, but there are no reliable statistics.

The reason that it has suddenly become a political issue is not simply the widespread concern at the prospect of old people dying of cold—"a national scandal", as Mrs Castle, Secretary of State for Social Services, put it in a radio broadcast this week. It is that Government policies have made it more likely to happen.

We have changed from a system based on cheap energy to one where every consumer must pay the cost of the energy he consumes and in addition help to offset the enormous increases in oil prices. The majority can absorb the extra cost. Those who cannot are the old, families with young children who live either on social security or low wages, and disabled people.

The Government recognizes the problems and has taken some action, and it is aware that more needs to be done. Pensions and heating additions paid to supplementary benefits recipients have risen faster than fuel prices over the past two years, but not enough to ensure adequate heating for council tenants in all-electric homes or old people living in draughty houses that are difficult to heat.

Mr Benn, Secretary of State for Energy, who is taking much of the flak, has persuaded the fuel industries to give their engineers discretion not to disconnect in hardship cases. But a discretion is not enough to overcome the years of traditions, and disconnexions continue apace. There were 125,000 disconnexions of electricity supplies last year and the agencies expect the number to double this year.

Liaison procedures have been established to deal with cases of hardship. The fuel boards, social services departments and social security are supposed to liaise to prevent disconnexions in such cases, but even where social security has agreed to pay, consumers still find themselves cut off because the bill is not paid promptly.

Mr Benn has declined to use his powers to send a directive ordering an end to disconnexions in cases of hardship, although it is accepted in Whitehall that a main reason for old people not using their heating equipment is fear of disconnexion.

One of the basic difficulties is that single department has overall responsibility. Energy and Health both see it largely a cash problem, while Mrs Williams, Secretary of State for Consumer Protection, is known to favour a progressive fuel pricing policy with lower rates for small consumers. That idea is strongly resisted by the Electricity Council, which has persuaded Mr Benn to change his view.

The fuel boards themselves are enormous and their practices vary widely because of the diffusion of responsibilities involved that the voluntary agencies are pressing for a permanent interdepartmental committee to ensure that a coherent social policy on fuel debts is hammered out.

In the meantime, there has been a significant breakthrough in solving the problems of one group of council tenants in Hulme, Manchester. The tenants live on an estate that was converted to all-electric central heating after the Ronan Point disaster, which was caused by a gas explosion.

The estate includes 900 supplementary benefit tenants of whom 70 were disconnected last winter and 200 more had insufficiently high fuel debts to warrant disconnexion. A local action group initiated and negotiations with the local electricity board, supplementary benefits officials and the local authority led to the establishment of a fund defined as having "exceptional needs".

The supplementary benefits officials write off all the debts as "exceptional needs payments" and agreed to pay higher heating additions after the fuel board had worked out the running costs on the estate.

The tenants now receive 65p a week if they have an 8 kilowatt dwelling and £2.60 for 9 kilowatts and £3.27 for 12 kilowatts. Those amounts compare with the normal scale of heating additions of £1.30 and £1.65 a week, depending on age, mobility and kind of heating system they have. Last May, 792,000 claimants were being paid heating additions, including 701,000 pensioners.

That example was discussed at a meeting this week when Mrs Castle saw officials of the Supplementary Benefits Commission. It is hoped that local supplementary benefits officials will take the initiative in working out similar arrangements elsewhere.

Social Services Correspondent

Miss Hearst had finger on trigger, says prosecutor

San Francisco, Feb 5.—The prosecution began slowly and meticulously building its case against Patricia Hearth when the trial proper of the newspaper heiress opened today.

Mr James Browning, the prosecutor, said she had willingly taken part in the San Francisco bank robbery carried out by the Symbionese Liberation Army (SLA) on April 15, 1974. She faces up to 35 years in prison if found guilty of armed robbery.

Mr Browning said photographs taken by the bank's cameras would show that she had her finger on the trigger of the sawn-off carbine she carried and that her hand beneath her coat was free, despite earlier claims that it might have been tied.

For the defence, Mr F. Lee Bailey argued that Miss Hearst could not have had any intention to rob the bank because she had been held prisoner in a dark closet for at least six weeks and had been brainwashed and terrorized. He said the SLA leader, the black, escaped convict Donald DeFreeze, aged 30 had read some books in prison about brainwashing.

"She was sexually abused, and convinced on a daily basis that her only means of survival was to attempt to avoid offending those who had her in their custody", counsel said. She had been taken into the bank with the guns of the four SLA members trained on her and positioned in front of the bank surveillance cameras. "like a prize pig". The SLA had planned the robbery principally to make her an outlaw so they need not fear she would escape.—Reuter and UPI.

Zambian students strike for release of British lecturer

From Our Correspondent
Lusaka, Feb 5

Several hundred Zambia University students today demonstrated for the release of Dr Lionel Cliffe, the British lecturer detained here last week. Many lecturers later joined a protest strike called by the students.

The demonstrators said the arrest was an affront to academic freedom and later called for a strike by students and lecturers at the university.

There were angry scenes when some lecturers ignored the call and continued their classes. Police were rushed to the campus but no arrests were made.

The students also called for the dismissal of Professor Ndem, Dean of Humanities and Social Science, and Dr Mukatwa, two African members of the staff.

Dr Cliffe was arrested under the emergency regulations announced by President Kaunda last Wednesday. Two British journalists, Mr Bruce Loudon, of *The Daily Telegraph*, and Mr Stewart Dalby, of the *Financial Times*, arrested at the same time, have since been released and allowed to remain in Zambia.

Dr Cliffe's wife, Doris, said police searched their house in Lusaka for literature on Angola and later gave her a copy of an order providing for her husband to be held for 28 days while it was being decided whether a further order would be made against him.

A few weeks ago students at the university demonstrated in favour of the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA) and against Zambia's official policy of seeking a government of national unity in Angola.

Beat the freeze with salads

Recent sharp frost and snow has reduced the supply of green and root vegetables now reaching the shops all over the country. The produce affected included cabbage, spring greens and brussels sprouts. Prices will therefore vary considerably in different parts of the country. But in the London area, hearted cabbage is expected to be on sale for between 8p and 10p per lb, spring greens at between 10p and 14p per lb and Brussels sprouts at between 14p and 16p per lb.

On the root vegetable front, potatoes, because of the reports of shortages as well as the harsh weather, are expected to show widely varying prices. However, according to the Department of Prices' figures, prices of potatoes are expected to range from 9p to 13p per lb but some smaller varieties may have asking prices of around 7p to 8p per lb. Because consumer demand is slow at these prices, it is probably worth trying to bargain with greengrocers over prices by offering lower price per pound rates for larger quantities.

The price of other root vegetables is more stable with Swedes ranging from 5p to 6p per lb and turnips from 7p to 9p per lb. Carrots are thought to cost around 6p to 8p per lb at the weekend and early next week, while parsnips are quoted at from 12p to 15p per lb depending on quality and competition from other greengrocers. Onion prices are unchanged from last week at around 12p a pound for the English and Dutch varieties and possibly 8p to 9p per lb for the large Polish pickling types.

Salad vegetables, however, are cheaper than last week with tomatoes at between 20p and 25p per lb, mainly from the Canaries. Lettuce are expected to cost from 14p and 18p each and cucumbers, again from the Canaries, at from 20p to 30p depending a great deal on quality, size and type of retailer. Celery from Spain, which comes prepacked, is expected to cost from 12p to 28p a head, depending on size, but a more normal price band would be from 14p to 18p a head. Israeli prepacked celery is expected to cost from 16p to 20p per head and loose celery from a variety of sources from 12p to 16p a head.

For fresh fruit, the best buys are expected to be apples with prices slightly down to from 12p to 18p, bananas while the price is unchanged at 6p to 18p per lb are still good value. citrus fruit, oranges, grapefruit lemons. There is a plentiful supply both Jaffa and Cyprus varieties.

Eggs are also good value this week with the prices due to increase by 2p a dozen for large whites and 2p for other types soon. Current prices should be ranging from 35p to 39p a dozen for large whites and 31p to 35p a dozen for medium grades which represents good protein value for relatively low cost.

On meat, prices should not be very different this weekend from last week. A useful buy to look out for is lamb where there seem to be ample supplies at prices ranging from 32p to 40p a lb. There may be some bargains in choice cuts of beef about with brisket and rump joints perhaps slightly cheaper than last week.

Despite the harsh weather, fish supplies have improved and it is hoped that cod, haddock and plaice will be slightly cheaper as a result.

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The recluse interrupted: Burt Lancaster and Stefano Patrizi

Luchino Visconi has the misfortune to be one of those directors who arouse certain expectations about the scale of their films (*La terra trema, Senso, The Leopard, The Damned*) so that their work in slighter forms and minor keys tends to be undervalued. In his age (he is now 70) Visconti clearly favours the *novella* form. Thematically *Conversation Piece* has a lot in common with *Death in Venice*, but it is scaled down to a chamber drama.

The action never moves outside the old Roman house where The Professor (Burt Lancaster) is passing into lonely old age. Wisps of the past visit him in his dreams: the memory of a beautiful woman who might or might not be his mother, and whose recollection intimates some forgotten, incapacitating emotional trauma. His only companions in his richly heavy rooms are a collection of eighteenth-century English conversation pieces. The long-ago happy families gaze out at him, serene, imperturbable, self-sufficient, unloving.

The serenity is broken, first by some pushy dealers who try to tempt him with a new addition to his collection, then in their wake by an insensitive, autocratic, hysterical, once handsome woman who demands to be shown and leased the empty apartment above his own. As if from nowhere appears her entourage: a frank and cheerful daughter with a sulky boyfriend, and the lady's handsome, insolent young gigolo, Konrad.

Before he knows what is happening, these dreadful, noisy, quarrelsome people have moved in over his head, lying to each other, wrecking the apartment with their unauthorized alterations, entangling the unhappy recluse in their mysterious but violent emotional dramas. By turns they are affectionate, indifferent, sadistic. The Professor's certainties and self-sufficiency are destroyed: at first he had told them he had no time for "people who lose control over their own destiny". His doubtful compensation is a sense of belonging for the first time to a real and living family, appalling though both the family and the experience may be.

Konrad in particular excites a variety of emotion—a complex of frustrated paternal feelings and subjugated desire. Konrad will present the Professor with his final and hardest problem of human and emotional understanding.

Written by Visconti himself with his regular collaborator Suso Cecchi d'Amico and Enrico Medioli, author of the original story, it is an exercise in artifice, a series of variations as meticulously and geometrically composed as the Mozart which the Professor loves, a family portrait as stylized (with the aid of Pasquatino de Santis's precise camerawork) as one of the Arthur Devis paintings on the Professor's walls.

The elegance of the central performances of Burt Lancaster, Silvana Mangano and Helmut Berger (ideally type cast in Konrad's equivocal mingling of soft charm and whorish insolence) is somewhat compromised by the English dialogue, which tends to "translationese", and, by the inevitably disembodied tones of the dubbing. But it is an effective entertainment, which is perhaps the limit of its ambitions.

I have written recently about the problems of the Indian cinema, with a vast, profitable and still expanding mass market, and very little possibility or incentive to break away from a pattern of production-line daydreams. Leaving aside Satyajit Ray, who is isolated in his own immense gifts, the most significant and successful of the handful of artists who are trying to create a "parallel cinema" in India is Shyam Benegal, whose first film *Ankur—The Seedling* opens this week at the new Phoenix Cinema in East Finchley.

The hero is an ordinarily amiable, ordinarily weak young man who despite his college education submits to the paternalist authority (there is a telling, fleeting shot of the cigarette he instinctively endeavours to hide behind his back while talking to his father); submits to an arranged marriage with an under-age girl which will leave him in married bachelorhood for a year; submits to giving up his education to take over the feudal responsibilities of the family farm.

His gestures of independence are always restricted by inescapable conventions. His defiance of the caste system only goes so far as taking a mistress: in the end he invokes the *droit de seigneur* to throw her out brutally in deference to married respectability. His improvements to the farm only consist in asserting feudal autocracy, while at the same time evading feudal obligations, he does not even respect the land rights that his father has granted to his own former mistress. Guilt, cowardice, confusion in the end lead him to an act of brutality which totally forfeits the respect of his dependants, but will, perhaps, bring him a degree of self-discovery.

Benegal is clearly a filmmaker of very considerable gifts. In this first feature film he sets himself apparently insurmountable problems—a negative protagonist, action which could all too easily tumble into melodrama—and then solves them with admirable dexterity. He creates a group of characters and relationships—the contrast of the jealously assertive wife and the gentle, pliant mistress; the touching marriage of the mistress-servant and her weak, kindly deaf-mute husband; the advantage-taking neighbours; the chorus of servants—and a vivid picture of an unfamiliar mode of life which makes the film (wonderfully photographed in luminous colour) a totally absorbing experience and discovery.

The complaint against most erotic exploitation pictures is that they are so unimaginative and dull; so the heart must go out to a film-maker adventurous enough to adapt Guillaume Apollinaire — precisely, the "secret" novel *Les Onze Mille Verges*, which turns up in London as *Bisexual*. The old surrealists would quite likely have approved of the cheerful nonchalance of the film and its approach to sex, the anachronistic disrespect, the innocence of any pretensions to the artistic or poetic, the way in which the *everyday* language of the commercial (the director Eric Lipmann's previous work consists of some 400 of them) has been applied to the realization of the world of dreams.

A personable young man (Yves-Marie Maurin, who looks uncannily like the young Gérard Philipe in one of his lighter roles) Romain is a bank clerk with rich fantasies about the computer girls. Falling asleep, he dreams his way through the irrational adventures of his own princely ancestor in a Ruritanian turn-of-the-century Romania, and the Russo-Japanese war (Port Arthur turns out to be full of nubile ladies of odd predilections).

Sixty years after his death, the Father of Surrealism has clashed with Mr James Firman and his subtle colleagues at the British Board of Film Censors. I have seen the six minutes of cut scenes, and now appreciate that the board's assessment of erotica is rather like a travel insurance I once took out before I realized you could only claim on certain jackpot combinations like a right arm and a left leg, or both feet, and so on. The distributors also had to spend £1,200 on re-making subtitles which were too accurate in their translation of some of Apollinaire's poems.

It is hard to escape an unreasonable tendency to be unduly impressed by films just because they are based on fact, and by works which relate sad events rather than cheerful ones. It is a tendency to be resisted in a film like *Operation Daybreak*, which treats the ill-advised assassination of Heyrich in 1942, the consequent reprisals, including Lidice, and the siege of the alleged assassins in the crypt of St Cyril's Cathedral in Prague. (The film was shot in Czechoslovakia, which provided some nice colourful locations.)

But the film finally discovers no greater significance from the events than an adventure story, a Western with a Second World War setting. As an adventure it is fairly tame and very predictable: all Germans are nasty-looking and Prussian with strong accents and over-painted blonde wives; the Czech resistance are all nice, anguished and with a variety of British accents, except for the American star, Timothy Bottoms (whose myopic dimness is less likely to pass for sensibility after you have seen three or four of his performances).

David Robinson

Eloquent orchestra

Tosca
Coliseum

Alan Blyth

Perhaps a cold February evening is not the time to restage a work calling for the passionate warmth of June in Rome. Whatever the reason, the English National Opera's new production of *Tosca* on Wednesday failed to suggest either the erotic rapture of Cavaradossi and Tosca or the more venal desires of Scarpia for the prima donna.

Too often it is taken for granted in Puccini that the big tunes, the tug at the heart, will see even an inexperienced cast through a performance of one of his operas. In *Tosca*, where, as Mosco Carner has pointed out, the "biographical perspective" of Sardou's play is missing, it is essential for the principals themselves to fill in the missing detail, with the help of the music. On this occasion all three proved, for the most part, two-dimensional, and received little support from John Blatchley's usually anonymous production in the even more anonymous sets of Margaret Harris.

Economies, as we know, are having to be made all round in the staging of opera in this country, but that should be a stimulus to imagination, as was the case in Covent Garden's *Peter Grimes*, and not an excuse for putting on a repertory piece much as it has been put on a hundred times before. In what has become too much of a house trait, all the sets are in dour colours. St Andrea looks cluttered, as some Italian churches indeed do, but there is no sense of perspective and the exits and entrances, Scarpia's admittedly highly effective, do not seem to conform to geography.

The tapestries hanging in Scarpia's drawing room were nicely suggestive, but the Palazzo Farnese, even if it was suffering from a financial ill wind, would surely find some more stylish furniture. The Sant' Angelo battlements, dominated by a huge statue, at least had a focal point of interest.

No doubt this *Tosca* is designed for touring and its movement, too, has the virtue of simplicity, intentions clearly signalled and detail often intelligently planned. Angelotti for once looks so emaciated that Cavaradossi might not recognize him. Cavaradossi himself is still nursing his recent injuries in the third act. Scarpia attempts to regain and destroy the safe conduct pass for the lovers, and just fails as Tosca commands him to die.

Well might she wish to be certain of his going, for Norman Bailey's Chief of Police is, in a way, all the more revolting for appearing at times almost benign. This hunched stoat of a man has the stance of a satyr, and is always relaxed in the knowledge that his cleverly planned moves will work. Even so, Mr Bailey's surely sung performance could do with a touch more of the libido on the loose. As the object of all his desires, Anne Evans looked ravishing enough even in the unbecoming nightdress (?) designed for her appearances in church. The voice has the measure of the role, but few of the touches as yet that could give it individuality or distinction.

Apologies had to be made for laryngitis on behalf of Keith Erwen, the Cavaradossi. There was evidence of it, but he still managed a good "E lucevan le stelle". Don't ask me what this was in Edmund Tracey's new translation, as the words of most of the cast went for nothing. Eric Shilling was an exception as a commendably restrained Sacristan.

The most Puccinian performance came from Roderick Brydon and the excellent orchestra, where the conductor paid due attention to the colourings given to differentiate character. He took the long view, with tempi dangerously slow at times, but allowing for the full bloom of the still glorious melodies and unforgettable orchestration. Let's hope that what happens above him soon matches this eloquence.

The Fishing Race
BBC 2

Alan Coren

Just in case you thought my distinguished colleagues had left no critical stone unturned in their saturation coverage of *The Glittering Prizes*, let me crow a little. Can I really be the only hack to have noticed what a superb curtain-raiser to Frederic Raphael's nostalgic tussle is provided a little earlier each Wednesday evening by *The Fishing Race?*

Apt and succinct as an Elizabethan mime hors d'oeuvre, this little gem is a perfect prologue to the later doings: six fishermen, each sharply differentiated by background, personality and ambition, have been battling with one another for the past five weeks at selected riparian spots. The object, as glittering and as pointless as the goodies sought by Mr Raphael's Cambridge cannibals, is to land as many different kinds of fish as possible in the allotted time, while the cameras breathe down the anglers' necks to catch their triumphs and disintegrations. It is nature red in fin and scale, friends; watch it once and have wiped out for ever the image of the fisherman as a mild male Grizelda nibbling Marmite sandwiches at the blunt end of a long stick while the rest of the world goes by.

They fight, our six heroes, but not the fish alone. They fight one another, they fight the camera crews, they fight their own temperaments, they bitch, they pontificate, they joke darkly, above all they compete with a dedicated fierceness which makes the Raphael graduates look like selling platers.

Moreover, the drama is beautifully set. Ian Wooldridge has been supplying a delightful mock heroic comedy to the savage events, and the producer, Michael Begg, backed by a team of cameramen who know just when to touch the lens with irony, has made each episode a joy to look at: I shall long remember this week's idyllic shot of Clive Gamon casting in a cloud of soft-focus gnats, one terrible moment before discovering that the rudd in which he believed himself to be up to his knees had been driven from the premises the week before by an infusion of weedkiller. What more need one say about man's dreams on this wry planet?

The fifth round closed this week with equally trim symbolism: hoping to steal a march on less imaginative competitors, Ian Gillespie crept in darkness to a private Essex pond, chucked in a mystic bait, and hooked, incredibly enough, a piranha.

"Two points!" he cried.

Follow that, Raphael.

Hamlet
Round House Downstairs

Irving Wardle

In this final production before her death last year Buzz Goodbody succeeded in the hardest task facing any English classical director: a just and original treatment of *Hamlet*. Like her *King Lear* of the previous year, it carries the weight of an intensely personal statement: and its transfer from Stratford's Other Place to the new Round House studio is an event of at least equal importance to the Aldwych history cycle.

There may be some weary sighs at the idea of a modern-dress *Hamlet* played to a small audience with entrances through the aisle. But, as it turns out, this yields some big technical advantages. There is a huge gain in tonal variety, from all the nuances of conversation to full heroic delivery; the asides can fall to a cryptic undertone, and altogether it is like moving from the pentatonic to the chromatic scale.

All kinds of interpretative reversals become possible. The Player King launches into the Hecuba speech in breathless sotto voce. Hamlet and the Gravedigger enjoy each other's sense of humour, and share the chorus of the Alexander song. Then there are moments of superb short-circuiting; as where the plotting Claudius and Laertes spring guiltily apart at Gertrude's entrance, immediately capped by her line "your sister's drowned".

However, the statement that comes over is not simply a by-product of the staging. The costume, the wrap-round acting area (including a Kabuki bridge along one of the walls) are there to instil the closest possible identification with the characters. The style is set from the first court scene, with George Baker in a business suit walking up the aisle and delivering a genial address like a company director opening a shareholders' meeting.

The style throughout is one of common humanity resting on a foundation of incurable corruption. The Polonius family, for instance, are all very close and loving. Stuart Wilson's boyish Laertes rests Ophelia (Yvonne Nicholson) on his knee during the parental lecture, making faces behind her back; and André van Gyseghem's Polonius departs from stereotype and presents a fond father, always softening the blow to Ophelia with gentle inflections and physical tenderness.

The same approach stretches down to tiny parts like Terence Wilton's sporting Osric and Charles Dance's public school Reynaldo, submitting to Polonius's instructions with obsequious contempt.

Everything is done, in short, to humanize the tragic victims. All possible extenuating circumstances are bestowed on them. Then comes the last act carnage which is as bloody and ugly a massacre as I have ever seen. The vocabulary of the play is extended at both ends, into realism and into horror.

The statement is unmistakable. No matter how tenderhearted and intelligent we suppose ourselves to be, matters in extremity will still be worked out in madness and slaughter.

Hamlet's place in this scheme is that of the man who sees it all coming from the start and dreads the duty of setting it in motion. It may be an illusion, but Ben Kingsley seems never once to blink. He runs through moods like lightning, and the pipe scene might have been written for him, his notes do indeed add up to an orchestra, but throughout he remains a vigilant witness of what lies ahead. It is typical of him, and of the production, that his Horatio (Sid Livingstone) should be a thick Mancunian in a frayed sweater who obviously has no intention of drinking poison at the end: a dull blinkered figure, incapable of tragic understanding.

Award for Ben Travers

Ben Travers, aged 89, the playwright, was honoured on Wednesday with an award for his two comedies which are running in the West End: *The Bed Before Yesterday* and *Plunder*. He went to the Savoy Hotel to collect his award from Rex Harrison at the annual *Evening Standard* drama, opera and ballet awards presentation.

The award for the most outstanding achievement in opera went to the Scottish Opera, which has recently opened its own theatre in Glasgow.



Placido Domingo — Photograph by Anthony Crickmay

A remarkable winter double

Cav and Pag
Covent Garden

John Higgins

It is not every year or even every decade that an international tenor takes on the leading roles of *Cavalleria rusticana* and *Pagliacci* in a single evening at Covent Garden. Placido Domingo achieved that last night, but even if he had sung only Turiddu or Canio he would have claimed the first paragraph.

Domingo, it seems, at the moment can take on anything and conquer. His first Otello at Hamburg last autumn showed that the voice was in splendid shape and that all the pessimists who pointed to over-singing were wrong. And here he is, a few weeks before recording Walther in *Meistersinger*, doubling up in *Cav* and *Pag*.

Domingo sees both Turiddu and Canio as men who start on the verge of losing their grip and eventually fall off the edge. His Sicilian in Mascagni's opera is straight from Giuliano country, a handsome, passionate hero whose death will send the whole village into mourning for a year and more. He is not feckless, but simply embarrassed at having tied himself to a plain girl when he knows all too well that there are far sexier ones just for the asking.

The brindisi may have been sung more lightly, more jauntily than Domingo takes it, but the tears of remorse are already in the wine and they flood out as he says his farewell to Mamma Lucia. Domingo is at his finest in this adieu: it reveals all the commitment which has now been added to a clarion voice.

Pauline Tinsley is Covent Garden's new plain girl. She is at risk when she pushes her voice too hard, unless Domingo is at her side in support as "No, no, Turiddu", but she spins some of Mascagni's melodies with a gentleness echoed by Robin Stapleton in the pit. There is still a tendency to address too many phrases to the floorboards, but this was a good supporting performance. There was an excellent Lola from Gillian Knight, alluring in voice and body.

Apart from Domingo, the hero of *Cav* remains Franco Zeffirelli. It is almost impossible that his Sicilian street is now over 15 years old but the orange Mediterranean dawn still hits the rooftops dead centre. This was, and is, Zeffirelli at his best.

Pag has lasted less well. The trees and ground look not so much parched as pain-starved and the caravan is less carefully placed against the skyline than it once was. But of course there is Domingo again. The buck of Francofonte has changed to a grizzled ringmaster, anxious that he is losing all—his audience, his command, his wife. There were signs of strain as the "comedy" was close to its end, but after a stirring "Veste la giubba", as fine a rendering as we have heard for years, small wonder. Domingo can feel well pleased with a remarkable winter double.

Gian-Piero Mastromei, not to be outdone, also took the leading baritone roles in both operas. His Alfio was beefy and unsubtle; Tonio brought out much better singing. The acting is lumbering, as it was in the Amonasro here a little while ago, but there is no fear about projecting the voice. Adriana Maliponte was similarly uninhibited as Nedda, who had clearly exhausted the possibilities of the troupe and had turned to playing the town instead. The *ballatella*, an embarrassing number at the best of times, was too dark; the duet with Silvio suited her much better and so did the ripe and blowsy Columbine. Francis Egerton (Beppe) and Thomas Allen (Silvio), old hands in this production, sang Leoncavallo with rather more subtlety than the two Italian visitors.

Robin Stapleton, who was admired in *Bohème* last month, appears to be making himself a corner in the verismo repertory and Covent Garden, who have not been notably strong in that department, should cherish him.

Some of the notices on this page are reprinted from yesterday's later editions.

SPORT

Olympic Games

Soviet Union shine as Austrians bask in Klammer's glory

Innsbruck, Feb 5.—While the Austrians were basking in the glory of Franz Klammer's triumph in the men's downhill, the Soviet Union drew attention upon themselves by winning two gold medals in the 12th Winter Olympic Games here today. The first of the Games went to Sergei Saveliev, a 27-year-old soldier, who won the 30-kilometres cross country nordic skiing event. The Russians took the bronze medal as well with Ivan Garabin, a 30-year-old schoolteacher, finishing third behind Bill Koch, of the United States. The second gold medal was won for the Russians by Galina Stepanskaya, who took the women's 1500 metres speed skating title in fine style. In this event the Olympic record was broken 10 times. Sheila Young, of the United States, was second, the surprise being the defeat of the Russian world record holder, Tatiana Averina, who was third.

Earlier in the day East and West Germany finished with honours even in the men's and women's toboggan runs. Detlef Guenther, of East Germany, clung to his overnight lead in the men's competition but in the women's Margit Schumann, the triple world champion, was deposed by the West German, Monika Scheftschick, and slumped to fifth position with two runs remaining.

The Soviet Union captured the spotlight again in the figure skating programme. Aleksandre Gorshkov and Lyudmila Pakhomova moved closer to victory in the first Olympic ice dancing competition.

Outcry over 'blood transfusion booster'

Seefeld, Feb 5.—Norway today caused a controversy at the Olympic Nordic skiing village here by lodging a protest over blood transfusions, said to be used by some East European countries to improve performances.

The Norwegians made their complaint to the Olympic Medical Committee. They claimed that the unnamed countries were using blood transfusions just before the start of an event to give competitors a burst of energy. "There is no way that we can control practices such as this", Prince Alexander de Merode, chairman of the Medical Committee, said.

The Norwegian Olympic team director, Arne Mollen, said that the protest had not been directed at any particular country. He said Norway wanted the Medical Committee to intervene and prevent all countries from carrying out such practices.

East German and Soviet Team officials said they knew nothing about the matter. It is claimed that a small transfusion of blood, preferably the competitor's own, is given just before the start of an event. This is said to activate the muscles.—Agence France-Presse.

Seefeld, Feb 5.—Sergei Saveliev gave the Soviet Union the first medal of the 12th Winter Olympics here today when he won the men's 30 kilometre Nordic ski race.

Saveliev, a 28-year-old army officer from Siberia, covered the distance in 1hr 30min 29.38sec. He led in William Koch, who won the United States their first ever Olympic cross country ski medal, and another Soviet competitor, Ivan Garanin, who took the bronze. Koch had a time of 1hr 30min 57.84sec and Garanin 1hr 31min 9.29sec.

Saveliev must take the credit, despite the absence of the world champion, Magnusson, of Swedeo,

Victory all Austria expected except the winner

From John Hennessy

Innsbruck, Feb 5

Franz Klammer gave all Austria the result they demanded on the Patscherkofel at Igls near here today. He won the men's Olympic downhill, the blue riband of Alpine skiing, in the grand manner in 1min 45.73sec, with Bernhard Russi, of Switzerland (the holder), second in 1min 46.06sec, and Herbert Plank, of Italy, third in 1min 46.58sec.

I cannot remember seeing such a gripping ski race. It might almost have been stage managed, with Klammer drawn last of the first group of 15 skiers, from whom the winner would surely come, so that excitement was maintained as long as is reasonably possible in ski racing.

The pattern of his run contributed to a tingling atmosphere. There was a buzz of anticipation when his first intermediate time was announced. 33.2sec, a fifth of a second better than Russi's, followed by a deep groan when his second intermediate time tripped the timing apparatus at 1min 13.24sec. He had lost more than a third of a second on Russi and now stood a fifth of a second behind, with Plank intervening.

Soon his yellow clad figure appeared at the top of the finishing schuss and he took it with breathtaking derring-do having measured the critical preceding bear's neck bend to a millimetre. He was not the prettiest skier on the course, but, by heavens, we could see that over that last stretch at least he was clearly the fastest.

He thundered through the finishing line at something like 80 mph and a storm of cheering announced that he had fulfilled all expectations. He could hardly contain himself and he repeatedly brandished both fists at an adoring audience crying "Franzi, Franzi" and who shall blame him? His form, last year and this, has proved him to be the best downhill racer in the world and today he received his true reward.

In the ecstasy of the moment, his mind must have been a whirl, for a torrent of contradictory comments poured from him. At one moment he was saying that he had not thought Russi's time could have been surpassed, that 1min 46.00sec was unattainable; at others he pointed to the many mistakes he had made throughout the course.

No doubt, on such a fast, icy track (he beat his winning time last year by the stunning margin of 10 seconds) and at such lightning speed he may have strayed from his chosen line here and there, but that must have applied to all skiers today. Two of his compatriots failed altogether to survive the bear's neck. Another faller was Konrad Bartelski, the leading British skier. "I gave myself some terrible frights", our hero (Klammer I mean) said, "and was thrown in the air so often I was sure I was going to fall. I almost did several times."

As for Russi, he put a brave face on losing his title and declared, rather unconvincingly, "I am very happy. It is a privilege to come second to such a superb skier as Klammer." If there was a team prize it would have to go to the Swiss with Canada second, both with three skiers in the first 10. The Canadians have been threatening all season and if they are disappointed by being narrowly deprived of a medal (Kenneth Read was fifth) they can be well satisfied with their overall performance, for Switzerland are traditionally supreme in men's and women's downhill, Klammer notwithstanding. In cross-country running terms the Swiss would have scored 25 points to Canada's 41, with the rest of the field nowhere.

The best British skier was, perhaps surprisingly, Alan Stewart, who is regarded as the technician, and therefore the all-rounder, of the team. He was 30th, so that Jeremy Palmer-Tomkinson's 25th at Grenoble in 1968 remains the best British male performance in the Olympics since the war.

Bartelski had the fastest first intermediate time of the four, but he was unable to survive a punishing compression high up the course (he escaped injury). Fitzsimmons and Fuchs finished 32nd and joint 37th respectively in a field of 175.

Let there be no beating about the bush, this was a big setback, especially when we recall the splendid performances of Bartelski and Fuchs in the world championships at St Moritz two years ago. They were 15th and 19th respectively then and, at 19 and 18 respectively, were younger than any skier above them. A number of those ahead of them have since retired, too, so that it did not seem too much to expect a place perhaps in the first 10, all being well in the meantime.

But all has not been well, especially with Bartelski, who suffered a serious injury last year and who had only one downhill this year after an operation for bone removal. We wondered if he would now retire, but he seems to have set his sights on the next world championships at Garmisch-Partenkirchen two years hence. Perhaps he feels he has something to prove.

The women meanwhile, c timed their downhill training Axamer-Lizum, where Brig Totschnig (Austria), my perso choice, had the fastest time, f lowed by everyone's perso favourite, Rosi Mittermaier, West Germany. The holder, Mar Therese Nadig (Switzerland), unable to take part because of injury suffered in slalom train yesterday. She still hopes to pete in the race on Sund Bernadette Zurbriggen, anoth Swiss and the outstanding dow biller this year, was 16th, so than five seconds behind. Valc tina Iliffe, the best Briton, w by coincidence, 30th, the sar placing as Stewart's.



Sealed with a kiss: Klammer collects the reward of victory. Russi is a good loser.

Russians on way to greater honour than world title

From Dennis Bird

Innsbruck, Feb 5

The Soviet Union reigned supreme in both the figure skating events which were held tonight. Neither was a final, but it is already clear that the Russians are likely to take two gold medals as well as a silver in ice dancing and a bronze in pairs skating.

Irina Rodnina began a powerful defence of her 1972 Olympic title. She has been world pair skating champion every year since 1969; and with her present partner, Alexander Zaitsev, whom she married last April, she has achieved new heights of excellence. They were by far the speediest pair in the compulsory programmes of prescribed movements, and except for a slight difference in timing the landing of their double loop jumps, the most critical of judges could hardly find any fault. The Russian judge awarded two 5.9s for required elements and presentation, but the Czechoslovak, Dr Vera Spurna, could not restrain her enthusiasm; she gave 6.0 for her first mark and 5.9 for the second.

The East Germans, Rolf Oesterreich and Romy Kermer, skated confidently into second place with that exact synchronisation of movement which has for so long been a hallmark of German pair skaters, both East and West.

The British champions, Colin and Erika Taylforth, skated splendidly, with Mrs Taylforth showing no ill effects from her dislocated shoulder. The crowd of enthusiastic spectators thought the judges were niggardly in their awards, and boos, jeers and whistles resounded through the stadium. Nevertheless, the Taylforth's marks were good enough to give them the best Olympic place of any British pair since 1956.

Earlier in the evening the Russian ice dancers consolidated their already strong position when their event continued with the original set dance in rumba rhythm. This is a recent introduction to the championship syllabus, in which each couple has to invent their own dance.

There were some curious ideas about what constitutes a rumba. The world champions, Andrei Minenkov and Irina Moiseyeva, seemed to rely as much on slinky arm movement as on skating steps ("she skates with her arms" my colleague, John Hennessy, said of Miss Moiseyeva), a Latin American would have been surprised to learn that this was a dance from his part of the globe.

The three British couples all skated slow, languorous dances, and it was the famous Muscovites, Alexander Gorshkov and Ludmila Pakhomova, who most faithfully interpreted the character of the dance. They skated brilliantly, leaving no doubt of their superiority, and all nine judges have given them first place. It is only by the accident of an illness last year that they are not world champions; in Monday night's final they should achieve the even greater honour of becoming the first Olympic gold medal winners in ice dancing.

The Americans, James Millns and Colleen O'Connor, skated immaculately but in a less dramatic, more British style—not surprisingly, for they have an English trainer, Doreen Denny. The judges were divided in their reactions. Six awarded second place to the Russian second strings, but the three Anglo-Saxon judges all preferred the United States champions.

The other Russian couple and the Hungarians were at their best, but it was a disappointing night for Britain. Glyn Watts and Hilary Green retained the sixth place they earned in Wednesday's compulsory dances, but Warren Maxwell and Janet Thompson dropped from seventh to eighth, and Kenneth Foster and Kay Barsdell—second in the last British championship—also lost a place and are 13th.

When a Russian favourite fails another takes over

From Dennis Bird

Innsbruck, Feb 5

The first skating medals of the Winter Olympic Games went to the Soviet Union and the United States this morning when 26 women competed in the 1,500 metres event in pleasant sunshine and a mild breeze. Ten of them beat Dianne Holum's 1972 Olympic record of 2min 20.85sec, but no one came anywhere near the world record of 2min 9.90sec, set up last March by Tatiana Averina of the Soviet Union. Today Miss Averina had to be content with a bronze medal and a time of 2min 17.96sec. The winner was her much less well-known compatriot, Galina Stepanskaya, in 2min 16.58sec.

In speed skating, competitors race in pairs, drawn by lot. Sometimes these pairings can be thoroughly one-sided—Miss Stepanskaya's partner was a 14-year-old Korean who finished 25th—but in one case there was a fine contest. The 1975 world champion Karin Kessow (East Germany) was drawn to skate against Sheila Young from Detroit, the world bronze medal winner and a former cycling champion. A false start heightened the tension, and when they got away Miss Kessow, in the outside lane, stayed ahead for half a lap. Then the American passed her, and although the German closed up again at the end of the second lap, Miss Young finished almost two seconds ahead.

In the final results she was less than half a second behind the winner and the silver medal was an encouraging start for her

Britons accept challenge which leaves them behind before the start

Riding virtually blind at 75 mph

From John Hennessy

Innsbruck, Feb 5

"Ist gestartet Jeremy Palmer-Tomkinson", intones the voice over the Olympic public address at Igls today. Nothing unusual in that, of course, because the Palmer-Tomkinsons have been a household name in British skiing for more than a generation. But we were now standing beside the toboggan run, several hundred metres from the men's Olympic downhill course.

Palmer-Tomkinson, a reserve here for the 1964 Olympic ski team, led the team at Grenoble in 1968, to reappear as a fledgling tobogganist at Sapporo four years ago. Now, with his former skiing comrade, Michel de Carvalho, at his side, he has become a dedicated follower of his new sport. He had smacked a wall and lost a second on the first run the previous evening. Now we heard first a good start time (4.09 sec), an equally good intermediate time (33.02 sec) and a satisfactory 54.88 sec at the finish.

Jeremy is the fourth member of his family to have won the British skiing championship. His father, James (later tragically killed in training) set the pattern, followed in succession by three of his sons, Christopher, Charles and Jeremy. Their sister, Sarah, would surely have followed suit had she not lost her zest for competition and fallen in love with our racing correspondent, which has transformed her into Mrs Michael Phillips. According to Jeremy she is "the most beautiful powder skier I have ever seen, and I used to fancy myself a bit".

A close personal rivalry exists between Jeremy and Carvalho, a hangover not only from skiing but also, as I remember, from backgammon. Carvalho struck the first blow, Palmer-Tomkinson having lost a second by his error last night, but Palmer-Tomkinson hauled back 0.531 sec today (timing is refined to thousandths of a second here). Carvalho still leads by 0.185 sec, so there is much to play for on the third run tomorrow morning.

Both gave up ski racing because of the enormous amount of time one has to devote to it in order to cut any sort of dash. They find that with only about two months a year they take part in the sport on reasonably competitive terms, though they have no hope of offering any serious challenge to specialist nations, who spare neither expense nor expertise in cutting away the last thousandth of a second.

The latest ghastly innovation has been produced by the West Germans—helmets elongated by nine inches or so, which give the impression of an egg waiting for the spoon to fall. This is said to have an aerodynamic quality of its own, but, beyond that, a wind tunnel in a distant Bavarian corner has revealed that a protrusion of the body (even a gnome-like plastic extension) improves the aerodynamic quality of the toboggan.

And their toboggans themselves have a curved refinement at the head (ie the back, since Olympic tobogganists, unlike those on the Cresta Run, descend feet first), which shaves off yet another microscopic, yet telling, fraction of a second. The West Germans' runners, too, are said to incorporate a material which has improved the sliding performance. Carvalho, consumed with envy if not admiration, "would love to switch wagons with them". Against this sort of professional approach Palmer-Tomkinson, Carvalho and their captain, Richard Liversedge, can hope only for a place in the twenties. After two runs Carvalho is 27th, Palmer-Tomkinson 31st and Liversedge 36th.

But technique counts as well, of course, and according to Palmer-Tomkinson the East Germans ride the course virtually blind. Peeping up only at vital moments to confirm the line. At other times they face the sky at 75 mph. Their control was so precise that "if you put a sixpence on the track they could run over it". He found the run here, designed to accommodate bob and toboggan, "technically interesting. You can come out of a corner late and still flick into the right line without hitting a wall".

They regard their new sport as a challenge. The East Germans must now so regard their half-brothers on the other side of the wall. At Sapporo East Germany won all nine medals, except for having to share one gold with Italy. Here in men's and women's events the two nations are going at each other hammer and tongs. They share the first five places in the men's and women's events. The order in the men's is East, West, East, West, West and in the women's West, East West, East. Austria lie sixth in both.

Detlef Günther retained his lead for East Germany today, but Margit Schumann, the East German leader among the women after one run, has dropped to fifth, with Monika Scheftschik, from the West, in the hot seat. It is a wonder there has been no hint of political friction.

Tobogganing

MEN: After two runs: 1, D. Guenther (EG), 1min 44.486sec (82.117 sec); 2, U. Fendt (WG), 1.44.627 (81.863); 3, H. Rinn (EG), 1.44.884 (81.968); 4, A. Winkler (WG), 1.44.949 (82.194); 5, J. Koschwimmer (WG), 1.44.959 (82.226); 6, M. Schuld (Aut), 1.45.046 (82.078); 7, H. Winkler (EG), 1.45.76 (82.428); 8, D. Brennsze (USSR), 1.45.561 (82.567); 9, R. Sulzbacher (Aut), 1.45.608 (82.641); 10, M. Shilov (USSR), 1.46.610 (83.025). British placings: 27, M. de Carvalho; 31, J. Palmer-Tomkinson; 36, R. Liversedge, 1.52.718.

WOMEN: After two runs: 1, M. Scheftschick (WG), 1min 25.55sec (42.62sec); 2, U. Rietzold (EG), 1.25.626 (42.708); 3, B.-M. Wernicke (EG), 1.25.653 (42.845); 4, E. Demleitner (WG), 1.25.672 (42.535); 5, M. Schumann (EG), 1.25.694 (42.850); 6, A. Mayr (Aut), 1.25.761 (42.812); 7, M. Graf (Aut), 1.25.884 (42.760); 8, A. Schaffrer (Aut), 1.25.451 (43.077); 9, ... Skaleuska (CZ), 1.26.623 (42.976); 10, V. Zozulia (USSR), 1.27.102 (42.973).



Shapely things to come: the futuristic outline of Monika Scheftschik.

Morale of British biathlon team high

Innsbruck, Feb 5.—The morale of Britain's team for the Olympic biathlon—the wearying combination of cross-country skiing and rifle shooting—is high despite the fact that they have not even an outside chance of a medal.

The team captain, Richard Smith, recognizes the supremacy of the Russians, the Finns and the East Germans, but the team, entirely composed of soldiers, is far from dispirited.

"All we can do is look for the pointers and hope, but I must say we are better prepared than ever before" he said. "We'd be absolutely over the moon if we had someone in the top 10. If everything went right, if someone hit form and had all the luck we could just get in the top six", he said. But given the damning opposition that is unlikely.

Three Britons are entered for the individual event tomorrow, when competitors ski a 20-kilometre cross-country course carrying rifles and stop four times to fire five rounds at a target 150 metres away.

They are Jeffrey Stevens, from Blackness, West Lothian, a REME staff sergeant, Graeme Ferguson, of Cluny, Fife, a corporal in the Royal Engineers, and Malcolm Hirst, of Halifax, a sergeant in the Duke of Wellington regiment.

In the team event on Friday week they will be joined by one other member of the team, but Smith is cagey about which one. Keith Oliver, of Garston, Liverpool, a corporal in the Royal Corps of Transport and Britain's most successful biathlonist with an 11th place at the Sapporo Olympics in 1972, is unfortunately out of the contest. He damaged leg muscles in a fall during training in Italy last month and is only just back on his skis.

The eight team members, drawn from various army regiments, began their preparations last September with two months of fitness training in Edinburgh. In November they travelled to Norway for further practice with Norwegian instructors and then went to Italy on New Year's Eve. "We have had superb conditions for training everywhere", Smith said.

In Seefeld they have intensive skiing and fitness training during the morning, but relax during the afternoon, sometimes sleeping, or waxing, scraping and polishing their skis. "They often spend more time tending their skis than using them", Smith said.—Reuter.

Programme of events for third day

7.30—Biathlon, individual.
8.0—Tobogganing, men's and women's individual, third run.
9.30—Speed skating, women's 500 metres.
12.0—Ice hockey, Group A: Poland v West Germany.
3.0—Soviet Union v United States.
7.0—Czechoslovakia v Finland.
1.30—Bobsleigh, two-man, first and second runs.

No serious threat to Soviet ice hockey team

Innsbruck, Feb 5.—The Soviet Union's powerful ice hockey team, who only last month outplayed the top North American professional league teams, tomorrow open their defence of the Olympic title against the young amateurs representing the United States.

The Russians should have little trouble with the Americans, mostly college students, in the first of their five games in the Olympic Group A tournament.

Only Czechoslovakia, their opponents on the final night next week, represent a serious threat to Russian hopes of winning their fourth successive Olympic championship.

Canada, winner of six Olympic titles from 1920 to 1952, are still not represented here because of differences over the interpretation of amateur rules, and We Europe's strongest nation, Swede have not entered because their t players are in Canadian pr fessional teams, or engaged national leagues, or are preparir for the world championship lat this winter.

The Russian team include t stars of the Red Army and t Wings of the Soviet Clubs wh won their series with the t Canadian professionals in Dece ber and January. They inclu the great goalkeeper Vladis Tretiakin, Valery Vasilye Alexander Maltsev and Alexa Yukushev.

The Americans, fielding on their youngest international tea are mostly Minnesota stude who have been moulded int useful combination by their co Bob Johnson.

Yesterday's results

Alpine skiing

MEN'S DOWNHILL: 1, P. Klammer (Aut), 1min 45.73sec; 2, B. Russi (Swit), 1.46.06; 3, H. Plank (Ita), 1.46.58; 4, P. Roux (Swit), 1.46.69; 5, K. Read (Can), 1.46.85; 6, A. Mill (US), 1.47.06; 7, W. Tresch (Swit), 1.47.29; 8, D. Irwin (Can), 1.47.41; 9, J. Walcher (Aut), 1.47.45; 10, G. Hunter (Can), 1.47.52; 11, G. Jones (US), 1.47.64; 12, R. Berthod (Swit), 1.47.85; 13, P. Patterson (US), 1.47.94; 14, B. Thoeni (Ita), 1.48.13; 15, P. Fischer (WG), 1.48.18; 16, P. Pellat-Finet (Fra), 1.48.34; 17, J. Ferati (WG), 1.48.41; 18, D. Murray (Can), 1.48.86; 19, G. Eberhard (Aut), 1.48.45; 20, S. Tomi (Jap), 1.48.88.

BRITISH PLACINGS: 30, A. Stewart, 1.50.56; 32, S. Fitzsimmons, 1.50.85; Equal 37, P. Fuchs, 1.52.76, K. Bartelski fell, did not finish.

Speed skating

WOMEN'S 1,500 METRES FINAL: 1, G. Stepanskaya (USSR), 2min 16.58sec (Olympic record); 2, S. Young (US), 2.17.06; 3, T. Averina (USSR), 2.17.96; 4, L. Kosseno (Nor), 2.18.98; 5, K. Kessow (EG), 2.19.05; 6, L. Poulos (US), 2.19.11; 7, I. Bauzmann (EG), 2.19.63; 8, E. Rys (Pol), 2.19.66; 9, S. Burka (Can), 2.19.74; 10, A. Milscherlich (EG), 2.20.05.

Ice Hockey

GROUP B (for places 7-12): Yugoslavia 6, Switzerland 4; Romania 3, Japan 1. Austria 0, Bulgaria 2.



Galina Stepanskaya: best of 10 to break Olympic record.

Nordic skiing

30 KILOMETRE CROSS-COU
1, B. Saveliev (USSR), 1hr 29.38sec; 2, W. Koch (US), 1.30.57.84; 3, I. Garanin (USSR), 1.31.09.29; 4, J. Mieto (Fin), 1.31.20.39; 5, N. Bajukov (USSR), 1.31.30.91; 6, K. Klause (EG), 1.32.00.97; 7, A. Ginet (Fra), 1.32.17.71; 8, A. Kolvisto (Fin), 1.32.26.91; 9, O. Martinsen (Nor), 1.32.36.01; 10, V. Rocken (EG), 1.32.59.40.

Figure skating

ICE DANCING (nine dances and original set pattern): 1, L. Pakhomova and A. (USSR), 9 place marks; 18; 2, L. Moiseyeva and A. (USSR), 31; 100P; 3, L. and J. Millns (US), 36; 4, N. Linichuk and G. (USSR), 37; 97.60; 5, E. and A. Salley (Can), 50.5; 6, M. J. Brown and D. Watts (GB 94.30; 7, M. Cicett and L. (Ita), 63; 92.76; 8, J. Thom W. Maxwell (GB), 76; 9, A. Wagna-Urban and P. Baldauf 91; 88.60; 10, B. Bartsch Porter (Can), 90.5; 87.60 Pestova and J. Pokorny (C 87.00; 12, S. Handschumann Handschumann (Aut), 118; K. Barsdell and K. Foster (85.56.

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Medals table

	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Soviet Union	2		
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United States		1	
Switzerland		1	
Italy			1

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Ice hockey

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Islanders 6, New ... Atlanta ... Montreal ... Scals 3, ... Chicago ... Detroit ... Canucks 4, ... Toronto ... Score 0; St. Louis ... Boston ... Kings 3, ...

Rugby Union

Mervyn Davies gives the selectors a scare

Mervyn Davies gave the Welsh selectors a scare when he limped off the field during the final work out at Bridgend yesterday before their home international championship match against Scotland in Cardiff tomorrow.

But as No 8 Davies soon returned to the field after being examined by the Welsh RU medical officer, Gordon Rowley, and the physiotherapist, Gerry Lewis.

Davies slightly twisted his ankle but it caused no damage and he will certainly be fit to play tomorrow.

After yesterday's 90-minute training session, the selectors' chairman, Clive Rowlands, said: "Everyone is fit and raring to go. We are confident but realize that this match, like most games against Scotland, will be hard."

During the session the Welshmen gave particular attention to their scrummaging and line-out work.

Scotland's players reported fit after a strenuous training session at Murrayfield under the supervision of their coach, Bill Dickinson.

Athletics

Superspike in running for the charts

By Neil Allen
Athletics Correspondent

The International Athletes' Club, founded in a London basement flat 18 years ago, basically as a ginger group, may now gain so much income from a fund raising scheme that it will be able to set up a foundation with a full time director and secretariat.

Derek Johnson, the IAC's chairman, yesterday launched in London a "Superspike" campaign to help Britain's international athletes which he believes could bring in £100,000 during 1976 and perhaps £500,000 within the next three years. No wonder Mr Johnson, second in the 1956 Olympic 800 metres and a founder member of the club, said yesterday: "Today will be historic in the life of the IAC."

The campaign is headed most colourfully by a "pop" record, Superspike, written and sung by Mr Bill Oddie, of The Goodies and backed, in television's Top of the Pops style by a film featuring Mr John Cleese and a chorus of miming, dancing international athletes. The record and film, which were given a preview yesterday, should prove irresistible to the young of all ages with Mr Cleese as a manic commentator and athletes like Ainsley Bennett, Alan Pascoe, Donna Murray and Andrea Lynch demonstrating their capacity for knock-about comedy.

The record will be released publicly on February 20 and the film, apart from the clear possibility of television exposure when it rises "In the charts", will be shown at what is described as a "disco extravaganza" at Wembley Pool on April 6 when there will be a target of £10,000 for the IAC. A whole range of Superspike goods, including T-shirts, badges, tank tops and sports caps, are to be marketed and promoted nationally.

Mr Johnson, who pointed out that the IAC has also received a large personal contribution from Leonard Hatton, of Polytechnic Harriers, said that the expected income from the Superspike campaign would be used to "enhance the standards of performance amongst our top athletes. We will provide equipment and food, travel grants, warm weather and high altitude training camps and proper medical services. A joint preparation fund for the Montreal Olympics has been established with the British Amateur Athletic Board—recognition on their part that we have a substantial role to play in the sport at international level, recognition on our part that they have a right to see that funds raised in athletics are legitimately used. We are both in the same business—the best interests of British athletes."

Afterwards, Arthur Gold, secretary of the board, told me that he welcomed the scheme, particularly because this was not just another appeal but a plan in which professional people, out to make money for themselves, would also be working hard to the benefit of athletics. It is worth adding that Mr Oddie and Mr Cleese, whom I would always gladly pay to make me laugh, gave their services free to the IAC.

Far off in Los Angeles, John Walker, of New Zealand, the world mile record holder, suffering from a tendon injury which had made him withdraw from indoor racing, said he would not race again until about three weeks before the Olympics. Walker added that he would enter for both the 800 and 1,500 metres in Montreal and said: "The heats and the semis are the toughest part. There are a lot of people who maybe shouldn't really be in the Olympics and they can get in your way."

Equestrianism

El Farruco is included in short list for Montreal

By Pamela Macgregor-Morris

The short list of seven horses and riders for the British Olympic dressage, includes Mrs Lorna Johnstone's El Farruco, who was ridden by his owner, then aged 70, in the Munich Olympics and became the first British horse ever to qualify for the Grand Prix ride-off. He is now ridden by Patricia Gardner, from Ledbury, who was riding him for the first time in public at Stoneleigh.

Sarah Whitmore and Junker, Jennie Loriston-Clarke with Kadett (another member of the Munich team) Lady Joicey with Pussy Cat, Elaine Bird with Rhondda, Pamela Sivewright (the youngest contender with her brilliant little Ripalong) and Diana Mason, with Special Edition, are the others.

Miss Mason was in the winning British three-day event team for the European championship at Basle as long ago as 1954, and has won many international dressage honours on Tramella. Her new nine-year-old horse, greatly improved, features premium stallions on each side of his pedigree, being by Sporting Offer out of Rhigistead by Quadrangle.

Rhondda, by Romulus, is the smallest in the field at 15.2 hands and was trained by Charles Shippam. Pussy Cat, a grey 12-year-old, is by the Swedish stallion Iller, while Junker and Kadet are both German-bred. El Farruco, a former hurdler by the premium stallion Romany Air, and Ripalong are both home products.

The seven short-listed riders will be required to ride the grand prix test at Olympic trials to be sponsored by John Pinches, the first at David Hunt's school at Warfield; the second at the John Pinches international dressage championships at Goodwood during the first weekend in May; the third at the Royal Windsor horse show and the final one at Solihull on May 23. The team will be chosen in the week following the final test.

Brunswick, West Germany, Feb 5.—A West German Olympic committee today chose Gerd Wiltfang as the last member of their show jumping team for this year's Montreal Olympic Games.

Latest European snow reports

	Depth (cm) L	Depth (cm) U	Conditions Piste	Conditions off Piste
Andermatt	45	140	Good	Heavy
Slush on lower slopes				
Flaine	55	165	Good	Heavy
Good snowfall				
Flims	25	60	Good	Heavy
Patches on lower slopes				
Isola 2000	180	210	Good	Powder
New snow on hard base				
Murren	65	135	Good	Varied
Runs excellent after new snow				
St Anton	60	260	Good	Varied
Excellent skiing on pistes				
Tignes	40	90	Fair	Varied
Worn patches on lower slopes				

To the above snow reports, supplied by representatives Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to The following reports have been received from other

	Depth (cm) L	U	State of Piste	Weather	°C
GERMANY					
Berchtesgaden	15	100	Good	—	
Garmisch	25	80	Good	—	
Mindelang	25	80	Good	Fog	
Mittenwald-erial	100	170	Good	—	
Oberammergau	30	70	Good	—	
Oberstaufen	45	70	Good	—	
Oberstdorf	30	120	Good	Fog	
SWITZERLAND					
Adelboden	50	80	Good	Sun	
Brunnwald	80	130	Hard	Sun	
Chateau d'Oex	50	120	Good	Sun	
Grind-lwald	50	120	Good	Sun	
Gstaad	30	110	Good	Sun	
Randersteg	55	110	Hard	Sun	
Lenk	50	70	Good	Fair	
Leysin	40	90	Good	Cloud	
Les Diablerets	40	80	Good	Cloud	
Lenzerheide	55	100	Good	Cloud	
Saanenmöser	50	80	Good	Sun	
Wildhaus	90	120	Good	Sun	
Zermatt	40	80	Good	Cloud	

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Squash rackets



Jonah Barrington (left) in play against Qamar Zaman at Wembley yesterday.

Barrington put out in 49 minutes

By Rex Bellamy
Squash Rackets Correspondent

The top four seeds will contest tomorrow's semi-final round of the World Open squash rackets championship, sponsored by Lucas Industries at Wembley. The pairings are Qamar Zamar, open champion of Britain, against Mohibullah Khan, open champion of Australia, and Gogi Alauddin, twice runner-up for the British title, against Geoffrey Hunt, twice champion. Zaman and Hunt have yet to lose a game.

Jonah Barrington, six times champion, was beaten 9—0, 9—1, 9—6 in 49 minutes by Zaman. Barrington played well but, basically, was frustrated because he could neither provoke errors nor, until the third game, hit winners. Zaman had more winning shots, a greater range of pace, a better touch, and as also slightly the sarper in his responses to tactical crises. Perhaps the most demoralizing thing of all was that, in spite of the hazards on which his virtuosity insists, he was the sounder of the two.

Barrington concentrated on length, lobbing a lot and keeping the ball as close to the walls as he could. The idea was to tire Zaman mentally and, if possible, physically. But Barrington hit the ball out of court eight times (always a danger for the lob), conceded four penalty points, and also put four drops in the tin—a reasonable figure in itself, but costly when added to his other errors.

At 2—7 down in the third game, Barrington was in peril of humiliation as well as defeat. But he then changed his tactics and hit an exciting flurry of winners, most of them on the forehand. A backhand in the tin at 6—7 ended this desperate counter-attack. The match finished when Zaman hit a cross-court nick and Barrington called his own return "not up", which is a decent thing to do at match point down. "Such kindness makes the opponent very happy" said Zaman later. "He is a gentleman and a sportsman."

Zaman told us he had learned a lesson from Barrington's win over Mohamed Yasin in the previous round. "Yasin lost because he did not play his shots. With Jonah, there is no chance unless you play shots, because he is very fit and fast. From the start I was playing a pressure game." Zaman added that he was equally intent on avoiding error and therefore waited patiently for the right openings. "When I think the shots will go, then I hit. But I never take risks. The difficult ball, I give him back."

Barrington confessed that he had been outplayed. "When Zaman is disciplined, he is terribly difficult to break down. He did not wilt, lose his concentration, at any time. It was difficult to get any kind of break, because he was obviously outgunning me. Trying to negate his attacking ability was not enough. So I cracked it on and caught him a little bit unaware—my best spell. He will be difficult to beat. He is not as vulnerable as he was last year."

Hunt beat Cameron Nancarrow 9—5, 9—6, 9—4 in 42 minutes in spite of letting a big lead (5—0, 7—1 and 8—1 respectively) drain away in every game. Nancarrow played well without getting far. His deceptive short game was blunted by Hunt's anticipation, speed, and ability to play controlled returns under pressure. But they had some delightful cat and mouse exchanges, all touch and bluff, in the front corners.

Essentially, Nancarrow was broken by what Australians sometimes call the "gut-ripper": the angle that ripples across the front wall, making a man hustle sideways and forwards and, eventually, bend and stretch. That sort of things hurts, especially when it happens as often as it happened to a tall man like Nancarrow last evening. It also opens up the court for a winner.

In terms of uncertainty and dramatic tension, the best match of the day was that in which Mohibullah, after an erratic start, beat Hidayat Jahan 6—9, 9—1, 4—9, 9—7, 9—1 in 84 minutes. In the fourth game Jahan led 7—5 and was thus within two points of winning. His forehand let him down in the crisis. But luck—both ways—also played its part in this crucial stage of a spectacular and highly skilled match.

For the powerful Jahan it was a test of patience, discretion and ball control. For most of the match he passed with honours. After three games he had an air of authority, as if he were a man subduing a troublesome youth. But Mohibullah is rapidly coming of age. He responded to adversity with a blazing series of winners. He seemed to move faster and faster—which defied belief after his astonishing agility in the second and third games. Repeatedly, Jahan hit two or three shots in a rally that looked certain winners. But Mohibullah hurtled to and fro, riding the punches and often inducing an error or creating the opening for a telling punch of his own.

In the fourth game a ball burst, a let was called after a cross-court forehand by Jahan on a critical point, and Jahan, moving in close, took a crack in the mouth. It was not to be his day. In the fifth game Mohibullah roared ahead with a stream of winners, eight of them drops. The tide had turned. But what an adventurous voyage these two had given us.

Alauddin and Ken Hiscoe, "the pipe cleaner" and "the bear" have both been shaking off worrying leg injuries. For a time last evening it seemed that Alauddin's confidence might have been affected most. Hiscoe began with a crackling assault that earned him a 7—1 lead and, eventually, the game. But Alauddin had merely been designing his web. In the second game he spun it to such effect that the beefy Hiscoe began to look like a spider—some spider!—engaged in a hopeless struggle for freedom. Alauddin worked him about the court mercilessly. It was a game made of gossamer rather than steel. But it reduced Hiscoe to helplessness. Perhaps Alauddin had felt insulted by the loss of a 13-minute first game. The rest of the match lasted only 20 minutes. The score was 5—9, 9—0, 9—2, 9—1.

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...art of a stone ...not as fast as he was against England out here; but he makes up for that by being, if anything, a cleverer bowler. As for Thomson, he is more accurate than he was and more judicious in his use of the bouncer. He was more fearsome against England (Marsh never got his hands so battered about as he did a year ago), yet more controlled against West Indies. As soon as he came on this morning, after Lloyd and Holder had scored 50 in five overs from Lillee and Mallett, Thomson looked like finishing the match. With 29 wickets in the series, from five Tests, he is two ahead of Lillee and some way in front of Roberts, with Holding a poor fourth.

Gilmour also capable of genuine pace at times has developed into a strong counter to left-handed batsmen. He has kept up the pressure, just as Walker used to do, or even increased it. Years ago it was said that the late Nawab of Pataudi would get an extra yard of pace out of Amar Singh by telling him that Mahomed Nissar was bowling the faster of the two, or vice versa. In the past two Test matches Greg Chappell has found that by occasionally giving the new ball to Gilmour rather than Lillee, he gets an extra effort out of Lillee, who feels suddenly that he has something to prove by being the batsman that he is, Gilmour has also brought a more solid look to the Australian order than when Walker was at number eight.

Although, because they are no longer accustomed to playing against speed, South Africa would be likely to lose to Australia, wherever they played them, it would be worth crossing the world to watch Barry Richards playing Thomson and Lillee in a Test match. Perhaps, while they are all still at their best, it may happen. Laurence Rowe, for one, would say that however good Richards may be, he would have no answer to the sort of ball, rearing off a length and from a dead-flat wicket, that Thomson dismissed him with in Adelaide. Rowe, the maker of a triple hundred against England in Bridgetown three years ago, retired to the dressing room after that, threw his bat in the corner, and said simply: "Not even God could play those." Amiss, Fletcher, Denness, Cowdrey, Lloyd—they must all know the feeling.

Where Australia might find themselves nonplussed, even with Thomson and Lillee in their side, is in India. On slow, turning pitches and before huge and partisan crowds, India's present spin bowlers might present them with a problem which they know little about, and to which in the spinning line they have no adequate reply. Yet, come to think of it, West Indies beat India in India last winter, with Roberts taking 32 wickets, and Roberts and Holding have just been eclipsed by Thomson and Lillee.

No, in the cricket that really counts, which is not one-day cricket, we must make Australia the champions at the moment. First, before they beat them, West Indies will have to work on their outlook. The casual way they played against South Australia in Adelaide, after their famous victory in Perth, was more immature than arrogant. In the event, it was a bad omen.

In four months' time, by when West Indians will be touring England, it could all be different. The West Indians know the ropes there, and England have no one to batter them into submission as Thomson and Lillee did, or capable of playing an innings to compare with Greg Chappell's 182 not out in Sydney when Australia looked to be heading for defeat. "Something always seems to go wrong when we come out here", a plaintive Lloyd said after losing in Adelaide. England, the land not of speed but of medium pace, not of fast wickets but slow ones, is just the place the West Indians would choose, against bowlers they are acquainted with, for rehabilitation, after all that has gone wrong this time.

AUSTRALIA: First Innings 351 (I. R. Redpath 101, G. S. Chappell 68, G. N. Yallop 57); Second Innings 300 for three declared (R. B. McCosker 109 not out, Redpath 70, G. Chappell 54 not out).

WEST INDIES: First Innings 160 (I. V. A. Richards 50; G. J. Gilmour five for 34, D. K. Lillee five for 63).

Second Innings

R. C. Fredericks, b Thomson	6
I. V. A. Richards, c G. Chappell, b Lillee	98
L. Baichan, b Thomson	20
A. I. Kallicharran, c McCosker, b Lillee	44
*C. H. Lloyd, not out	91
L. G. Rowe, c Redpath, b Mallett	6
†D. L. Murray, c Marsh, b Lillee	5
K. D. Boyce, c G. Chappell, b Mallett	11
M. A. Holding, c Gilmour, b Mallett	4
V. A. Holder, b Thomson	23
L. R. Gibbs, c Marsh, b Thomson	0
Extras (b 6, l-b 10, n-b 3)	19
Total	326

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—6, 2—55, 3—170, 4—175, 5—186, 6—199, 7—226, 8—238, 9—326.

BOWLING: Thomson, 12.5—0—80—4; Gilmour, 7—1—36—0; Lillee, 18—1—112—3; G. Chappell, 3—0—6—0; I. Chappell, 3—0—10—0; Mallett, 13—1—73—3.

Australia won by 165 runs and won the series 5—1.

First Test (Brisbane): Australia won by 8 wkts.

Second Test (Perth): West Indies won by an innings and 87 runs.

Third Test (Melbourne): Australia won by 8 wkts.

Fourth Test (Sydney): Australia won by 7 wkts.

Fifth Test (Adelaide): Australia won by 190 runs.

Melbourne, Feb 5.—Ian Redpath, 34-year-old Australian opening batsman and vice-captain, announced his retirement from first-class cricket after the final Test here, yesterday.—Reuter.

Viswanath salvages India's pride

Christchurch, Feb 5.—India slipped out of New Zealand's grasp to reach a respectable 270 in their first innings on the opening day of the second cricket Test here today. New Zealand replied with 26 without loss at the close.

The Indian captain, Bishen Bedi, defied pre-match forecasts that the green Lancaster Park pitch would favour the fast bowlers and decided to bat after winning the toss. The tall New Zealand fast bowler, Richard Collinge, made full use of the favourable pitch, taking four wickets in the opening period, and at lunch the Indians were struggling at 98 for four wickets.

The early Indian batsmen brought about their own downfall with a series of rash, injudicious shots on a wicket that required more caution against a tight New Zealand seam attack. But Mohinder Amarnath (45) and Gundappa Viswanath (83) restored some respectability with a valuable fifth wicket stand of 98 after lunch. Viswanath, in particular, appeared right on top of the bowling before he was well caught in the slips by the New Zealand captain, Glenn Turner, off the medium-pace bowler Dayle Hadlee.

Viswanath's departure heralded another slump, with three wickets falling in three overs, and India went to tea at 219 for eight. But despite alert fielding, the New Zealanders were again unable to press home the advantage and Bedi, who missed the first Test through injury, combined with Kirmani to produce a fighting ninth-wicket partnership of 52.

Both batsmen continued India's risky, aggressive pattern of attack before Bedi fell to Collinge after a quick 30.

INDIA: First Innings

D. B. Vengsarkar, c Wadsworth, b Collinge	16
S. M. Gavaskar, c Burgess, b Collinge	22
S. Amarnath, b Collinge	11
G. R. Viswanath, c Turner, b D. Hadlee	83
B. P. Patel, c Burgess, b Collinge	8
M. Amarnath, l-b-w Congdon	45
S. Madan Lal, c Wadsworth, b D. Hadlee	5
†S. M. H. Kirmani, l-b-w Collinge	27
E. A. S. Prasanna, c Roberts, b D. Hadlee	1
*B. S. Bedi, c Howarth, b Collinge	30
B. S. Chandrasekhar, not out	2
Extras (b 6, l-b 4, n-b 10)	20
Total	270

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—33, 2—41, 3—53, 4—58, 5—196, 6—204, 7—204, 8—206, 9—258, 10—270.

BOWLING: Collinge 16.6—0—63—6, R. Hadlee 13—1—76—0, D. Hadlee 16—0—76—3, Congdon 16—3—36—1.

NEW ZEALAND: First Innings

*G. M. Turner, not out	9
J. F. M. Morrison, not out	11
Extras (b 4, l-b 2)	6
Total (for no wicket)	26

B. E. Congdon, J. M. Parker, M. G. Burgess, A. D. G. Roberts, †K. J. Wadsworth, D. R. Hadlee, R. J. Hadlee, H. J. Howarth, R. O. Collinge to bat.

BOWLING: Madan Lal 4—2—10—0, M. Amarnath 3—1—9—0, Chandrasekhar 2—1—1—0.

...T tournament: ...Crealy (Aust... ...(NZ), 7—6.

...ORIDA: J. Con... ...Fleming (US), ...Rich... (US) ...6—... ...eat D. Ralston ...7—6; H. Rabin ...Teacher (US).

DAYTON, OHIO: J. Fillol (Chile) beat M. Cahill (US), 6—7, 6—4, 6—4; O. Parun (New Zealand) beat S. Krulovetz (US), 7—6, 6—1; A. Pattison (Rhodesia) beat B. Mitton (Australia), 7—5, 6—0; R. Moore (South Africa) beat L. Alvarez (Argentina), 7—6, 0—6, 6—0.

RICHFIELD, OHIO: Miss C. Meyer (US) beat Miss H. Gourlay (Australia), 6—3, 5—7, 6—2; Miss M. Jausovec (Yugoslavia) beat Miss G. Coles (GB), 6—3, 6—0.

Golf

PALM DESERT, CALIFORNIA: Bob Hope desert tournament: 67: B. Allin, J. Colbert; 68: C. Coody; 69: J. Nicklaus, D. Graham (Australia), W. Rogers, R. Massengale, R. Payne; 70: J. Mahaffey, R. Murphy, G. Brewer; 71: A. J. Jacklin (GB); 72: P. Oosterhuis (GB).

Cycling

COPENHAGEN: International six-day race: 1, D. Kemper (West Germany) G. Gilmore (Australia), 347pts; 2, A. Fritz/ Peffgen (West Germany), 179 one lap behind; 3, G. Haritz (West Germany) R. Pijnen (Holland), 365 two laps behind; 4, O. Ritter (Denmark) R. Hermann (Liechtenstein), 337 five laps behind; 5, K. Knudsen (Norway) U. Hempel (West Germany), 283 nine laps behind; 6, K. Rodian (Denmark)

Racing

Sedgefield not left out in the cold

By Jim Snow

After one of the mildest winters for many years, during which only three days had been lost to National Hunt racing up to January 27, trainers and jockeys had begun to say that they had never had it so good. An important, extra bonus was the non-appearance of fog. Since then, of course, the weather has done a nasty and rapid about-turn and the abandonment of today's Sandown Park meeting brings the score up to 15 days and 20 meetings lost because of snow and frost.

When the Sandown stewards yesterday morning sent out the gloomy message that the meeting was off, those at Sedgefield were satisfied that the unpleasant drizzling rain of the last two days in the north-east had taken the frost out of the ground and that racing this afternoon was on.

Today the Sandown stewards will again inspect the course before midday to see if tomorrow's fine programme, with the £7,000 Stone's Ginger Wine Handicap Steeplechase (two and a half miles) and the Oteley Hurdle, worth £4,000, can be run. Unfortunately the immediate outlook in the south is for continuing cold.

So Sedgefield survives against all the odds, for in the past if there was one meeting in the north to be abandoned because of frost or snow, it was Sedgefield. Wetherby will draw some comfort and hope from this for its excellent programme tomorrow, featuring the William Hill Handicap Steeplechase and a qualifying race for the Panama Cigar Hurdle, the £6,500 final of which is to be run next month at Chepstow. And, no doubt, officials at Haydock Park and Newbury are hoping anxiously that the weather will not interfere with their important meetings next week.

On Wednesday next at Haydock, Red Rum will have his new partner, Tommy Stack, in the saddle for the Grand National Trial Handicap Steeplechase. Red Rum won it last year with 12st. This is 8lb more than he will carry in his attempt to win the race a second time. If he has returned from a month's holiday on Mr Ted Greenaway's Cheshire farm like a giant refreshed, as his trainer, Donald McCain, says, his third Grand National triumph is on the cards.

Three days later Newbury has the £12,000 Schweppes Gold Trophy. This handicap falls in the middle of February, always a dangerous time, and frost caused its abandonment in 1969 and 1970.

Like an aging opera singer who has made a positively last appearance but later turns up elsewhere is the 13-year-old Supermaster in his refusal to accept that the day is over. In the Kirk Merrington Handicap Steeplechase today at Sedgefield (2.45), Supermaster will be making his 112th appearance since he won two of his four races over hurdles in 1966. He has had 34 victories, and this has not been overlooked by the handicapper. He shares top weight of 11st 2lb with Sure Jumper, and although I think he will be about the place at the last fence to face the 500-yard run-in, the longest in England, he may not be able to give 15lb to Salmo Lady.

He enjoys his racing so much that Arthur Stephenson thinks he would be unhappy if he were turned out to honourable retirement. I should add that he has been placed 29 times, and I expect Tommy Stack, who knows him well, will be in the unsaddling enclosure, but with first place going to Salmo Lady, a winner of a novice steeplechase over the course a month ago.

The two divisions of the Peterlee Novices Hurdle do not encourage speculation. The runners share one thing in common. They are all extremely moderate. Superintendent (in the 1.45 race) and Anotherwire (4.15) have run reasonably well for them to be selected to win and for the Croft Selling Handicap Hurdle (1.15), Lord Street is first choice.

Steve Nesbitt, a former travelling head lad to Colonel W. Lyde when he was training at Middleham, has done well this season with the six jumpers in his stable near Ripon. He has won eight races, and two have been at Sedgefield with Lord Street. The Durham course does not suit every horse, but Lord Street has shown that he does not mind the tight left-handed turns, the undulations, and the long run home from the top of the hill.

Fidler On The Hoof won last week at Carlisle, staying on well in the soft ground, and a penalty may not be too much for him in the Mainsforth Handicap Steeplechase (2.15). He carries the Rheingold colours of Mr H. Zeisel.

In his early days Mr Zeisel played in the strings of the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra. Vienna is a far cry from Sedgefield, but Mr Zeisel has a magic touch in racing as Rheingold and Lester Piggott showed in the victory of Rheingold in the 1973 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe.

Last year's Champion Hurdle runner-up, Flash Imp, has been well supported with Corals for the Schweppes Gold Trophy at Newbury on February 14 and the gelding's odds have been cut from 33-1 to 25-1. Attivo, Fighting Kate and Tree Tangle are now joint favourites at 8-1, followed by 12-1 Miss Boon and Philominsky, and 16-1 others.

STATE OF GOING (official): Sandown Park: (abandoned, frost). Sedgefield: Soft (finishing straight), good (elsewhere). Sandown Park (tomorrow): good to firm (11 am inspection today). Wetherby: good. Stratford on Avon: good (no inspection planned).

A heated chapter in the long Racing Council story

By Michael Phillips
Racing Correspondent

For once it was not Lord Wigg who created the greatest furore in the debate about horse racing when he spoke on the subject in the House of Lords on Tuesday. Admittedly, few of his remarks could have been expected to find favour within the corridors of power at Portman Square, the home of the Jockey Club these days, but that was only to be expected. It was a remark made towards the end of the debate by Lady Stedman, the government spokesman on environment that really caused the main rumpus during the aftermath.

Lady Stedman said that Mr Denis Howell, the Minister for Sport, had been disappointed by the length of time taken by the Jockey Club over his proposal, put to the club in April, 1974, for the setting up of a Racing Council along the lines of the Cricket Council, and that only last week, 20 months later, had Lord Leverhulme, the senior steward, informed the Minister that the Jockey Club saw no advantage or virtue for racing in such a proposal.

Yesterday, Lord Leverhulme retorted by saying that it was quite preposterous that Lady Stedman should have made such a remark and that he had told not only Lady Stedman but also Mr Howell precisely that, because at no stage had the Jockey Club received a single proposal from the Minister of Sport in writing along those lines nor even any correspondence on the matter.

In order to set the record right, Lord Leverhulme made the following points. As a matter of courtesy, Mr Howell had been invited by the Jockey Club to a private lunch at Portman Square soon after the government were returned to power in 1974. It was during that informal lunch that Mr Howell suggested that there might be something in it for racing if they were to set up a body not unlike the Cricket Council. But they touched upon the subject only vaguely.

Just over a year later, in July to be precise, Lord Leverhulme went to see Mr Howell to discuss a number of points and in passing Mr Howell asked "how about a Racing Council". Lord Leverhulme replied: "We have thought about it and we think that we have a better alternative." He was referring to a British Racing Authority as envisaged by the Benson Report. It was, Lord Leverhulme said yesterday, painfully obvious that there was nothing for racing in the equivalent of a Cricket Council because cricket's problems were entirely different to those of their own.

Not only did the MCC need to gain greater kudos as a governing body, but they also had to get money from the Sports Council whereas the Jockey Club had already been granted its royal charter and the Levy Board was there to raise money. The next and latest chapter in the story occurred on January 28, when Lord Leverhulme entertained Mr Howell to a private dinner in his home primarily to discuss the implications of the Sex Discrimination Act and how it affected women in racing. The only other person present was Mr Simon Wetherby. Yet in the House of Lords on Tuesday, January 28 was the day that Lady Stedman gave as the date when the Jockey Club officially slammed the door on Mr Howell's proposal when yet again it had merely been discussed, in passing, in a totally informal way.

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Sedgefield programme

1.15 CROFT HURDLE (Handicap: £272: 2m)

1 402004 Newenden Boy (R. Bartley), A. Kemp, 8-11-7 .. V. Percival
3 12230f Pub Crawl (CD) (J. Vickers), Vickers, 7-11-3 .. J. Mooney 7
4 03-p0 Kenpak (Mrs J. Thomson), H. Blackshaw, 8-11-2 M. Blackshaw
6 0- Got-A-Star (D) (J. Thornton, Jun), D. Williams, 6-11-0 R. Barry
7 00-3010 Shorry's Dancer (D) (Miss J. Rutter), E. Magner, 5-10-13 E. Bruce 7
9 3002 Kertassel (J. Latham), K. Payne, 4-10-7 ...... N. Bancroft 7
10 0-04300 Young Katie (J. Bowness), W. Atkinson, 7-10-6 .. P. Mangan
11 000- Throstle Nest (S. Norton), Norton, 7-10-5 ...... B. Fletcher
12 000f-00 Whirling Goose (H. Hall), F. Wiles, 5-10-3 ...... S. Wiles 5
13 0 Fair Does (F. Storey), T. Barnes, 10-10-1 ...... M. Barnes
14 000 Washington Cal (B. Morris), V. Thompson, 5-10-1 G. Holmes
15 0-00110 Lord Street (CD) (S. Nesbitt), Nesbitt, 6-10-0 P. Salmon 7
16 40-p000 Cloudy Boy (D) (Miss J. Toulson), M. Toulson, 10-10-0 N. Tinkler
17 000-p0p Frutica (D. Earl), M. Naughton, 8-10-0 ...... P. Charlton 7
18 0000-00 Little Glory (W. Cooper), Mrs Cooper, 5-10-0 .. Mr D. Oldham 7
19 0000-f0 Bright Cap (D. Chapman), Chapman, 5-10-0 .. D. Turnbull 7
20 0400-0 Chippingham (D. Aaron), Aaron, 8-10-0 .... Mr G. Kersey 7
21 0p0000 Diddy David (Mrs D. Hoyle), C. Hoyle, 5-10-0 .. Mr R. Gow 7

3-1 Kertossel, 4-1 Lord Street, 5-1 Newenden Boy, 7-1 Shorry's Dancer, 8-1 Pub Crawl, 10-1 Kenpak, 12-1 Young Katie, 14-1 Got-A-Star, 20-1 others.

1.45 PETERLEE HURDLE (Div I: Part I: £272: 2½m)

7 0 Stcuspid (L. Jordon), Jordon, 8-11-8 .... T. Stack
10 00 Jolly King (R. Murphy), Murphy, 6-11-8 ....
15 00-p04s Shalimar (Mrs W. Parker), G. Fairbairn, 6-11-8 B. Powell 5
16 010fp4 Superintendent (R. Scott), A. Kemp, 7-11-8 .... V. Percival
19 30000f Delanto (W. Shaw), Denys Smith, 5-11-6 .... N. Balmer 7
20 000 Dryburn (W. Walton), G. Fairbairn, 5-11-6 .... P. Broderick
22 0-0 Lea Manor (Mrs J. O'Leary), H. Morris, 5-11-6 .. P. Morris
26 Enryco Mieo (R. Zeisel), K. Payne, 4-10-7 ...... D. Munro
29 0000 Frank The Yank (S. Fox), Mrs Chesmore, 4-10-7 .. R. Barry
31 0400 Maurivarano (F. Warrilo), M. Camacho 4-10-7 .. D. Greaves
36 00 Palace (W. Dixon), W. A. Stephenson, 4-10-7 G. Faulkner 5

7-4 Enryco Mieo, 3-1 Palace, 8-1 Superintendent, Delanto, 10-1 Frank the Yank, 12-1 Maurivarano, 14-1 Shalimar, Bicuspid, 16-1 others.

2.15 MAINSFORTH STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £476: 2m)

3 p1212b Suspender (CD) (A. Kemp), Kemp, 8-10-4 ...... V. Percival
4 2214f1 Fidler On The Hoof (CD) (H. Zeisel), K. Oliver, 7-10-1 C. Tinkler
5 0-41411 High Mark (CD) (Capt J. Mawson), S. Nesbitt, 6-10-0 P. Mangan
6 134422 Fine Fellow (CD) (Mrs L. Raine), M. Naughton, 7-10-0 N. Tinkler
8 f210pb Wylam Boy (D) (Mrs S. Leck), W. A. Stephenson, 7-10-0 T. Stack
9 434440 Gorewood (CD) (Mrs A. Page), W. Page, 10-10-0 .. P. Ennis

15-8 Fidler on the Hoof, 5-2 Suspender, 5-1 High Mark, 7-1 Fine Fellow, 8-1 Wylam Boy, 10-1 Gorewood.

2.45 KIRK MERRINGTON STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £669: 3m 250yd)

3 3-03343 Supermaster (Mrs H. Waite), W. A. Stephenson, 13-11-2 T. Stack
4 044440 Sure Jumper (R. Johnston), Mrs Chesmore, 9-11-2 .. R. Barry
5 000-330 Clarino (C) (Mrs F. Walton), F. Walton, 9-10-13 Mr J. Walton
7 300f3p *Mr Pippins (D. Brereton), L. Barratt, 6-10-9 ......
8 p-330g0 Half Hooked (J. Barker), J. Calvert, 10-10-9 .... B. Fletcher
12 123422 Little Swift (R. McLean), A. Kemp, 6-10-4 .... V. Percival
14 400 Right Gossip (Mrs R. Chartres), J. Dodds, 7-10-0 D. Turnbull 7
16 002f-0p Rorran Law (Miss J. Tonison), M. Toulson, 10-10-0 N. Tinkler
17 0-40401 Salmo Lady (C) (C. Lamb), Lamb, 8-10-0 ...... R. Lamb
18 40040f Canonbie Key (C) (Mrs D. Hoyle), C. Hoyle, 9-10-0 Mr R. Gow 7

5-2 Little Swift, 11-4 Salmo Lady, 100-30 Supermaster, 7-1 Clarino, 10-1 Sure Jumper, Half Hooked, 16-1 others.

3.15 HETTON STEEPLECHASE (£408: 2m)

2 440022 The Barron (C. Barron), Barron, 8-11-0 .... B. Fletcher
3 000f02 Butch Cassidy (R. Dixon), T. Barnes, 7-11-0 ...... M. Barnes
4 4p-u430 Cracksmans Cross (A. Corner), Corner, 7-11-0 P. Broderick
5 0-00044 Kairosa (W/Cmdr P. Stead), M. Camacho, 7-11-0 D. Greaves
6 3023Jf King Ross (Sir H. Fraser), Mrs Chesmore, 7-11-0 .. R. Barry
7 3211f2 Miltoy (J. McNeill), G. Richards, 7-11-0 .... P. Lowry
8 0011-00 Rolus (W. Chapman), D. Chapman, 7-11-0 .... D. Turnbull 7
10 0000-f0 Simallilon (J. Trilton), W. A. Stephenson, 6-11-0 .. T. Stack
11 Swanky Goldo (W. Wade), Wade, 8-11-0 .... Mr R. Mann 7
12 413204- Swanland (A. Kemp), Kemp, 7-11-0 .... V. Percival
13 0000p-0 Tudor Cracker (A. Sims), F. Wiles, 7-11-0 .... S. Wiles 5
14 42f030 Whispering Grass (V. Thompson), Thompson, 5-10-7 Mr J. Walton

2-1 Miltoy, 5-1 Butch Cassidy, 7-1 The Barron, Simallilon, 10-1 Swanland, Rolus, Cracksmans Cross, 14-1 Gairosa, 16-1 others.

3.45 PETERLEE HURDLE (Div II: £272: 2½m)

2 0 Grecian View (W. Cooper), Mrs Cooper, 6-11-8 Mr D. Oldham 7
3 020000 Hello Louis (Mrs A. Page), W. Page, 6-11-8 .... P. Ennis
4 3p00f-0 Omno (W. A. Stephenson), Stephenson, 7-11-8 .... W. Redford
5 422223 Perfect Match (J. Appleton), J. Calvert, 10-11-8 .... P. Ennis
6 000 Parganton (C. Booth), Booth, 8-11-8 .... M. Lowry 7
8 4 Royal and Regal (Maj R. Faulkner), R. Faulkner, 7-11-8 Maj R. Faulkner 3
9 00- Slonnaigh ...ailing VI (Mrs B. Heath), G. Fairbairn, 6-11-8 P. Broderick
10 0 Three Oaks (J. Bowness), W. Atkinson, 6-11-8 .... P. Mangan
11 0- Woodstock Rambler (R. Lloyd), Lloyd, 7-11-8 ...... P. Morris
12 000000 Clyde Valley (W. Young), Young, 5-11-6 .... D. Munro
16 Hall Mark (M. Ramsden), S. Norton, 5-11-6 .... B. Fletcher
16 0 Kohistan (D. Williams), Williams, 5-11-6 ...... S. Charlton 7
19 0-40000 Plainsman (D. Greig), L. Jordon, 5-11-6 .... R. Barry
21 241000 Philmont (M. Ramsden), S. Norton, 4-11-3 .... J. Beaton 5
24 0 Gold Yarn (R. Murphy), Murphy, 4-10-7 .... —
25 04- Naivasha (C. Tattersall), A. Potts, 4-10-7 .... K. Gray
28 0400 Some Fella (Mrs M. Hills), D. Chapman, 4-10-7 D. Turnbull 7
29 00 Willow Beck (B. Cunningham), P. Buckley, 4-10-7 .. T. Stack

6-4 Perfect Match, 4-1 Royal and Regal, 6-1 Philmont, 10-1 Naivasha, Omno, 12-1 Hall Mark, Slonnaigh Bealling VI, 20-1 others.

4.15 PETERLEE HURDLE (Div I: Part II: £272: 2½m)

6 f340 Autumn Crocus (E. Hutton), J. Vickers, 6-11-8 .. J. Mooney 7
8 f0ff02 Double Fault (J. Walton), G. Fairbairn, 7-11-8 .. P. Broderick
9 00f000 Free Girl (D. Hall), J. Cousins, 6-11-8 .... E. Helliwell 7
11 0- Opera Melody (M. Camacho), Camacho, 7-11-8 B. Nicholls 7
12 Pamea (W. A. Stephenson), Stephenson, 6-11-8 .... T. Stack
14 Ruffinia (Maj R. Faulkner), R. Faulkner, 8-11-8 Maj R. Faulkner 3
17 200-443 Anotherwire (G. Renilson), Renilson, 5-11-6 Mr P. Craggs 7
21 00000 Catchgleeson (B. O'Brien), B. Morris, 5-11-6 ...... P. Morris
23 Galah Bird (R. Quincey), C. Tinkler, 5-11-6 ...... N. Tinkler
28 000 Foulstone Forge (W. Cooper), Mr Cooper, 4-10-7 Mr D. Oldham 7
34 200300 Medin (A. Brown), W. Atkinson, 4-10-7 ...... J. J. O'Neill

2-1 Anotherwire, 4-1 Double Fault, 6-1 Pamea, Galah Bird, 10-1 Opera Melody, 12-1 Autumn Crocus, Medin, 16- others.
* Doubtful runner.

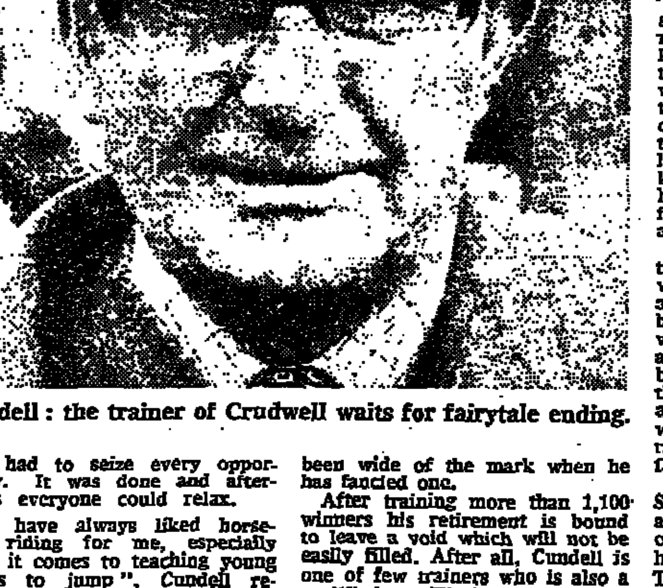
Sedgefield selections

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Frank Cundell to retire at the end of the current jumping season

Now it's up to the last horse to do its stuff



Cundell: the trainer of Crudwell waits for fairytale ending.

Frank Cundell, one of racing's most successful and best liked trainers, has decided to retire at the end of the current jumping season. He first took out a licence in 1939 and, with the exception of the war years, he has had one ever since, and trained throughout that time with conspicuous success at Aston Tirold, near Blewbury, in Berkshire. But, unlike his cousin, Ken, who handed his stable over to his son, Peter, when he retired just over a year ago, Frank Cundell has no successor in mind. His stables are due to be sold; his string of horses dispersed and he will live in the future in the house which he and his wife, Barbara, have just bought near Christchurch, in Hampshire—far enough away to be out of the actual swim but close enough to be within easy striking distance of some of his favourite racecourses, like Cheltenham, Newbury, Goodwood and Fontwell.

Talking to me yesterday about his retirement and his involvement in racing, Cundell said: "It has been a good life: there's nothing quite like it, and I've enjoyed every minute. But when I started it was still the sport of kings; now it's the racing industry and that's the big difference. Now everyone is screaming for more money all the time and I think that it's the right moment to get out. After all, I've had a good innings, haven't I?"

My memory of Frank Cundell, who will be 67 in March, and a young one at that I hasten to add, will be a blend of charm, respect and skill. Nobody could have been more helpful to me in my relatively short innings on the turf, and I can still recall one morning in particular when I watched his horses being schooled on the Downs. The weather could not have been more vile, but the jockeys were there, and there was no turning back. The work had to go on. Yet everything went like clockwork in spite of rain and low cloud, in an atmosphere which saw efficiency and discipline work hand in glove with good humour and common sense. As I said, the work had to be done, in spite of the unpleasant conditions, because the weather had a grip on racing and training a few days earlier, and they had to seize every opportunity. It was done and afterwards everyone could relax.

"I have always liked horsemen riding for me, especially when it comes to teaching young horses to jump", Cundell remarked yesterday. His remark prompted me to flick back to that morning when, despite the unfavourable conditions, Stan Mellor and John Cook got the horses jumping so sweetly. And, looking at the list of jockeys that Cundell has retained over the years, you can understand what he means about horsemanship. He has always liked to deal with the horsemen whose roots have been in the hunting field. Dick Francis, Bill Rees, Michael Scudamore, Stan Mellor and now Bob Davies—they are the five jockeys who have really featured in his life. All great horsemen, their names help to explain why Cundell's horses have invariably been such good jumpers.

A good judge of the book himself, besides being a man of the horse, Frank Cundell has seldom been wide of the mark when he has fancied one.

After training more than 1,100 winners his retirement is bound to leave a void which will not be easily filled. After all, Cundell is one of few trainers who is also a qualified vet. His father was a vet, who had a practice that comprised racing only, and it was he who insisted that his son should qualify. But Frank always yearned to train and finally he got his opportunity in 1939, when his uncle, Leonard Cundell, decided to retire.

Frank began with 20 horses at Aston Tirold, but six months later the war intervened. When he resumed at the end of hostilities he had not one horse left, or an owner alive. But it did not take him long to fill his stable, and that stable has been full ever since. He has never been one to want to train a string of 100 horses, nor has he been one to fiddle with less than 30.

Paying his own tribute to his former tutor, David Morley, who was Frank Cundell's assistant trainer for nine years before he himself embarked on his own successful way, said yesterday that Cundell was not only a brilliant trainer but also a great person to work for, a remark that might well be borne out by the fact that Les Foster, his head lad, and Arthur Ireson, his travelling head lad, have been with him from the word go.

"He is scrupulously fair to his staff, and his owners alike, and nobody has a more profound knowledge of the ins and outs of the racing game, I think," Morley went on to say, "that the results that Frank produced with some of the horses that he had were truly remarkable. It was a privilege to work for him, and all I know now is that whatever I have learned I did so working for him during those nine memorable years."

Cundell will be remembered by the racing public at large for the way that he trained that remarkable old steeplechaser, Crudwell, between 1949 and 1960. Crudwell won 50 of his 108 races. "He was a good horse but too careful to be really good. He just missed the top flight because he looked after himself too much." That was the way that Cundell, the true professional, described his old favourite yesterday.

Hall Weir, King's Nephew, Superflash and Celtic Cone, they are the names of just four of the other good horses that Cundell has excelled with over the years. To put the finishing touches to what has been a long and extremely talented career, Cundell must do one more thing, and that is win with his last runner. That will complete the scene. Glen Andred, the first horse that he ever rode when he was one of the best amateurs between the wars, won at Fontwell. Hot Fight, the first horse that he ever saddled as a trainer, won at Lincoln. Charity Concert, the last horse that he ever rode in a race, also won, and now it is up to the last horse that he saddles this spring to do its stuff. At present he has no idea which one it will be, but when the day dawns countless others besides myself will be hoping that there will be a fairy tale ending to his career as a trainer.

Michael Phillips

Bernard Levin

Make faces not war, then only the taxpayer gets hurt

I believe that I have read somewhere of a primitive tribe which makes war in a most ingenious manner; its champions array themselves in painted facial decoration of the most hideous design and go forth to battle against the similarly-arrayed enemy. They then fall to, but the field resounds not to the clash of arms and the groans of the wounded but to savage and threatening cries which the troops on both sides emit, at the same time vying with one another to pull the most contorted and dread-inspiring faces. Impartial umpires, drawn from the ranks of both tribes' witch-doctors (the cloak of sacerdotalism being thought impenetrable by bias), study the competing facial expressions and rival shouts, and declare that those of one side or the other have been the more powerfully unpleasant, and that that side is therefore entitled to bear away the palm, in the form of the disputed territory, cattle or brass rods.

And this tale sprang unbidden to mind when I learned of the settlement in the strike at Chrysler's Linwood plant. Or rather: it sprang to mind as soon as I heard of the strike itself. For everybody knew that the Government's yells and fierce faces were only for show, that nobody was going to be hurt, that the strikers' claim would, after the period prescribed for prancing about in the arena had elapsed, be met in full. I say "everybody knew"; the phrase is usually employed loosely, to indicate that those people knew who needed to know, but I use it in its literal sense. *Everybody* knew that Mr Varley did not mean a word of his threatening statement; *everybody* knew that the breach of the pay-code would be permitted; *everybody* knew that Mr Jim (né James) Mortimer, the Official Solicitor *de nos jours*, would say that "there is nothing in the recommended basis for settlement which contravenes the present incomes policy"; *everybody* knew precisely how the strike would end. The Chrysler management knew; the shop stewards knew; the unions' officers knew; Mr John Boyd, who most courageously condemned the strikers' action, knew; I knew; you knew; and as for Mr Varley, why, after I saw him fumble with the sheets and play with flowers and smile upon his fingers' ends, I knew there was but one way, for his nose was as sharp as a pen, and a'babbled of green fields. *He* knew all right.

The only point worth arguing over is a pleasantly arcane philosophical one: is it better to have the ritual prancing and facial contortions, or to dispense with them entirely and simply announce immediately, if not in advance, that the goats and the bags of salt have been disposed of by unanimous agreement of the ministering officials?

It is true that a government which would set up the Chrysler deal in the first place and then jib at a mere breach of both its letter and its spirit could easily be accused of straining credulity after swallowing its pride, but then, a government which would jib at the Chrysler deal after allocating £1,400m of our money for British Leyland to lose could as justly be charged with bolting the dog-kennel door after all the beasts in the Lion House have flown; it's a mercy that Mr Varley didn't say that he had had a solemn and binding promise from the shop stewards to maintain harmonious industrial relations from now on, and Mr Don Lander, managing director of Chrysler UK (I often wonder why Sweeney Todd ever bothered to cut his victims' weasands, considering how many people there are who appear only too happy to slit their own), actually *did* say "we have achieved a very worthwhile understanding".

Let nobody think that I am criticizing either the Linwood workers or their shop stewards. The job of the latter is to screw higher pay out of the management on behalf of the former, and not to be too scrupulous about the particular excuse they use to do so. No doubt the music will eventually stop in circumstances which will leave all the players sitting on the floor in the absence of chairs for any of them, but present mirth hath present laughter; what's to come is still unsure. What I want to know is why the members of this Government are so besottedly convinced that no member of a powerful trades union in this country ever reads a newspaper or watches television. Do they suppose, for instance, that the Linwood strikers had not followed the progress of the negotiations in the steel industry? I am not here proposing to offer an opinion on what the British Steel Corporation ought to do; what happened in the recent industrial crisis in steel, however, was that the BSC said —repeatedly, publicly, loudly and unambiguously—that certain developments were essential and that they could not rely on the spirit of Mr Solomon Binding to put them into effect. (Indeed, the BSC spokesman went so far as to say of union promises about rationalization that he had heard that one before.) After much huffing and no little puffing, however, the BSC suddenly decided that the role of Hercules was a little too taxing, and that the part of Corporal Nym was rather more in its line:

I dare not fight; but I will wink
and hold out mine iron. It is a
simple one; but what though? It
will toast cheese.

The eternal truth of economics, which this Government will not face, despite the fact that it is given not fewer than 749 demonstrations of it every day, is that people will take what they can get, and will ask for what others have taken. It is *likely* that there will not be another strike at Linwood for some time, but it is now *certain* that there will be one in due course. For everybody knows (here we go again, as literally as before) that the Chrysler tap is not going to be turned off; everybody knows that the £162m is, whenever necessary, going to be augmented by whatever further sums are required to prove to such unbelievers as remain that the point about a bottomless hole is that however much you pour into it, it can never be filled; everybody knows that all the stern warnings of the Government are just the well-rehearsed grimaces of a tribe of Corporal Nyms.

So the Sorcerer's Apprentice will stand helplessly by as the buckets, of their own uncontrollable volition, go on pouring their contents into the hole, without either the hole getting appreciably fuller or the buckets noticeably emptier. Out of the loot promised to British Leyland, every penny of which, together with a great deal more, will be lost, you could pay every employee concerned some tens of thousands of pounds and have a vast sum left over to waste on other equally uneconomic enterprises; the same, on a smaller scale, is true of Chrysler. But the Government will continue, at our expense, to stuff the finest corn down the gullets of the lame ducks, and will wonder why, however much these gobble, they never turn into Strasbourg geese. And Mr Michael Foot will jump up and down, and run here and there, and clap his hands, and roll his eyes, and shuffle his shoes, and crack his knuckles, and bend his knees, and flap his arms, and blow on his fingers, and scratch his head, and wipe his nose, and hitch up his braces, and cry: "This is well within the terms of the Social Contract."

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How IRA men fight their 'war' in jail

The current hunger-strike at Wakefield prison by Frank Stagg and its accompanying demonstrations in Northern Ireland throw into sharp relief the virtually continuous trials and sentencing of IRA men in England which have gone on for the past year.

For the IRA, being in jail is guerrilla warfare carried on by other means. A few weeks ago, Provisional Sinn Fein in Dublin were selling elaborate Christmas cards. The front showed a green and orange phoenix, and the word "Christmas" with a border of barbed wire.

"Out of the Ashes arose the Provisionals", the legend read, and inside were listed more than 30 jails in England, Scotland, Ulster, the Republic of Ireland, the United States and Canada. "Whilst there is one soul in prison, you and I can never be free", said the Christmas message, and overleaf: "Within these walls they hold the felons of our land." Photographs of the prisons themselves took up the back page.

Hunger-strikes, riots, demonstrations and a barrage of publicity about "ill-treatment, torture, forced confessions and savage sentencing" (in the words of Ruari O'Braidagh, president of Sinn Fein) are the weapons of Republican politics for prisoners. So are escapes, such as Seamus Twomey's daring helicopter flight from Dublin.

The hunger-strikes in Wakefield prison have been part of the battle. To refuse work successfully is to achieve some kind of political status: to be repatriated is to move a theoretical step nearer to the amnesty demanded by the Provisionals. To die in the attempt, on the other hand, is to become a martyr in Ireland to "the Brits".

There are too many prisoners for absolute control. As many as 70 people are serving sentences for murder, bombing, shooting at policemen, harbouring each other, ferrying explosives or planning attacks on English targets. Another 33 are in jail awaiting trial. There are also more than 30 loyalists in custody, mostly for explosives offences in Scotland.

The Republicans, not all of whom are accepted by the IRA, were aged from 17 upwards on conviction and include six young women. There are 21 serving life, another 30 serving 10 years or more and 11 doing five-10-year terms.

Ironically, police success, especially in the past 12 months, has presented the prison service with a large long-term problem. The present security system was not designed for quantities of politically selfconscious inmates who see themselves as being at war. It was designed to split up the members of a few East End professional gangs.

Officially there is no problem, because there are no special Irish prisoners. There are only "common criminals", and the Home Office keeps no official statistics.

This does not stop them making the headlines. The Price sisters and two others had to be transferred to Northern Ireland after hunger-striking. After that, and the death of Michael Maughan from pneumonia while on hunger-strike, force-feeding had to be dropped: an admittedly nasty process, it was much exploited in Republican publicity.

Despite control measures to separate them, three IRA prisoners in Wormwood Scrubs before Christmas planned well in advance and successfully executed an appearance before the cameras on the prison roof, stripping off the tiles to publicize complaints about prison conditions. There is evidence some IRA inmates are attacked by other inmates, much as happened in Dartmoor during the 1939 bombings in England. A number of Birmingham prison officers face trial for assa
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David I

Back-street idealism in Angola

Luanda has two faces. One is of a town of fine old colonial buildings and modern blocks of flats, built by the Portuguese for their own use. The other is of the museques, the sprawling shanty towns that encircle the city and which are rarely seen by whites except from the window of a passing car.

About two-thirds of Luanda's half million population live in the museques, crammed together in squalid hovels made from wood, iron and corrugated iron. There is no electricity, no sanitation, and running water only in a few public places. Yet despite their obvious poverty the people who throng the streets appear to have maintained a sense of dignity and even of humour.

The museques were the breeding ground for the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA), the nationalist organization which set itself up as the government of the People's Republic of Angola when the Portuguese departed last November.

For years during the war against the Portuguese, MPLA cells operated in the museques clandestinely. Now the movement is taking over control of these areas and is attempting not only to reorganize the population but also assist with certain basic services such as health and education.

Rangel, about two miles from the city centre, is a typical museque. Since the first inhabitants went to live there about 25 years ago the population has now swollen to about 60,000. Apart from a few brick and concrete buildings—now mostly destroyed—which formerly belonged to Portuguese traders, the area consists almost entirely of single-storey huts in various stages of disrepair.

In the centre of Rangel are the make-shift offices of the Department for the Organization of the Masses (DOM). The organization through which the MPLA is trying to reeducate the masses and project the concept of "people's power". DOM, which has offices throughout those parts of the country under MPLA control, is one of the most significant organizations within the MPLA and is directly responsible to the movement's central committee.

One of its main functions is political education and almost every evening political meetings and classes are held for the inhabitants of Rangel. "We are moving from a colonial to an anti-colonial phase", Comrade Tinito, a local DOM official said. "We must transform the structure of our society and the minds of our people through political instruction."

DOM also acts (or attempts to) as a clearing house for local problems. People may go there if they are ill and DOM will try to put them in touch with a doctor. It will attempt to find a school for someone's child. But this is often an almost impossible task because so many Portuguese doctors and teachers have left the country.

The MPLA has set up some of its own schools for young children, staffed by older students. At one I visited groups of five and six year olds were sitting at makeshift desks listening to their teenage instructor explain the mysteries of mathematics and learning to sing MPLA songs.

It is all very admirable and there can be no doubting the enthusiasm with which local MPLA activists go about their task. But will this idealism last once the heady tonic of revolution and independence begins to fade? Or will life in the museques continue very much as before? It is on such issues that the MPLA will eventually be judged.

Nicholas Ashford

Mr Moynihan, the human face of US foreign policy

The departure of Daniel P. Moynihan from the front rank of American diplomacy is to be regretted for more reasons than even Bernard Levin had space to explore. The main reason is that he represents one American view of the purposes of foreign policy which has outlasted isolationism, and for which this and other free countries should be everlastingly grateful. It should certainly be given precedence over the inconsequential fact that he irritated Mr Ivor Richards, our man at the United Nations, and other professional diplomats.

As Mr Moynihan knows, the fundamental question of the American role in the world has roots reaching deep down in the American psyche. Isolation or involvement has been a crucial issue since Washington's warning against entangling alliances, but the larger, more idealistic view was expressed about 150 years earlier by John Winthrop in his sermon, *A Modell of Christian Charity*.

The sermon delivered by the Governor of Massachusetts Bay, so English in its origins and uniquely American in intent, set two goals for the future United States: the establishment of liberty in the New World and its extension to the Old. America was to be a City upon a Hill, a model and example for all mankind.

This perceived gift of liberty to other peoples was variously described over the years as republicanism, democracy, self-determination, anti-colonialism, anti-communism and just plain Americanism. Often brashly expressed, and unheeding of the experience of others, the American majority believed that peace and plenty could reign on earth if foreigners would only follow its example. Woodrow Wilson was the obvious exponent of this sense of national uniqueness, although his dream of a League of Nations making the world safe for democracy under strong American leadership did not survive the Senate vote.

Wilsonian idealism was corrupted during the ascent to super-power, but the internal battle was won. Isolationism was defeated. The United States became very much part of the world, perhaps too big a part, but during the last two or three years a new struggle has developed in Washington between the new cool school of American diplomacy of Dr Henry Kissinger and the old idealism.

After his early successes, the popularity of Dr Kissinger was almost boundless. He won ready support for his essentially European belief that relations with foreign governments, and not the internal affairs of foreign countries, were the legitimate concern of the United States Government. It was an approach to diplomacy that promised to avoid the Kennedy crusades which led to Cuba and to Vietnam.

But his methodical German mind gave too little attention to American humanist traditions, and he offended some idealists. Their opposition surfaced when Kissinger, a Jew, ignored the condition of Russian Jews in the pursuit of detente. He was no less impervious to Solzhenitsyn's own brand of anti-Sovietism. It did not apparently matter if Russian dissidents languished in mental hospitals as long as the next round of the strategic arms limitation talks was successful.

There is a great deal to be said in defence of Dr Kissinger. If a choice has to be made, a world safe from nuclear devastation is more important than the fate of a few thousand dissidents. But it was not only the efforts of the Jewish lobby and Senator Jackson's presidential ambitions which got the Soviet Trade Bill, an important step towards detente, into deep trouble.

Many Americans were opposed because they were concerned about human rights, and some because they believed that democracy in one country was not enough because it would not last. They did not believe that the Soviet Union could be converted, but they were concerned that the new diplomacy appeared to have little moral purpose. One of their spokesmen was Mr Moynihan.

I suppose there is something ironic in that Roman Catholic Irish-American, who enjoys the good things of life to the point of self-indulgence, should speak for Wilson, the son of a Presbyterian minister from Ulster in whom the spirit of Calvinism burned, but not for Americans. Nor did it seem strange that the Catholic spoke out for the Calvinist's ideals in *Commentary*, the magazine published by the American Jewish Committee.

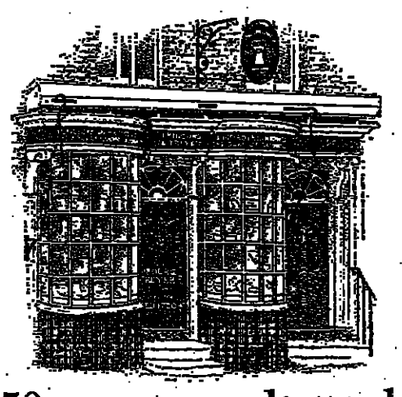
In a long and closely argued article, entitled "Was Woodrow Wilson Right?" Mr Moynihan said: "The Wilsonian world view is already half achieved. Most peoples of the world live in independent states (but) the quality of the incumbent regimes is another matter. Few measure up to Wilson's hopes. Numerically, there are not many more democracies now than in 1919. Even so, most of the other regimes dare not speak of themselves except in terms of Wilsonian ideals. In other words, these ideals—seen widely as American ideals—still establish the internal right to govern, just as, equally, Wilsonian ideals establish the national right to exist."

The source of his attacks against authoritarian Third World regimes in the United Nations is clear. Mr Moynihan went on to argue that the United States must deliberately and consistently bring its influence to bear on behalf of those regimes which promise the largest degree of personal and national liberty.

Mr Moynihan knows that it will probably be impossible to complete the Wilson achievement, but he thinks that the United States must try if only because its numerous minorities are increasing. As he sees it, there will be no struggle for personal liberty, or national independence or survival, anywhere in Europe, Asia, Africa and Latin America which will not affect American politics.

He also believes in calling a spade a bloody shovel when necessary, because a foreign policy without popular support and understanding at home will fail, or lead once again to political and diplomatic elites manipulating power and information as they did in Vietnam and the Central Intelligence Agency. The quality of honesty, which so distressed Mr Richards, is vital.

Louis Heren

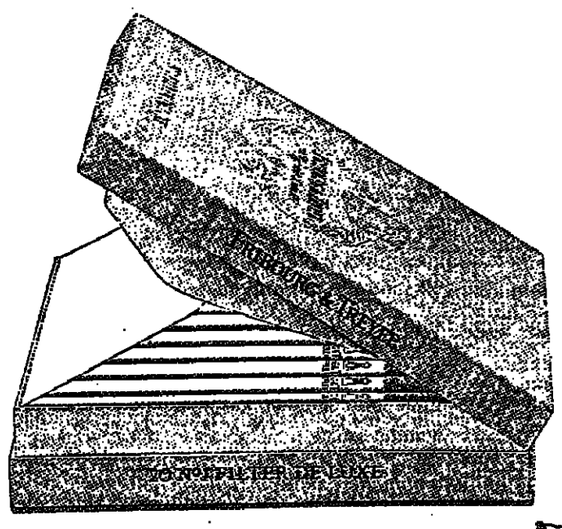


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Cheese: the eternal dilemma

Fellow veterans of the middle-class dinner-party circuit will know that the question of whether cheese should come before or after pudding is one of the great unresolved dilemmas of the age. Whichever way she does it, the hostess invariably apologizes to those who prefer it the other way, and conversation sometimes ensues.

There was earnest discussion of the question at the French Institute on Wednesday night when Jean-Paul Aron, a social anthropologist who studies eating customs, gave a talk entitled: "Food: a bourgeois folly". Although the French now generally take their cheese before pudding, the English habit of taking it last could derive from French eating habits of the nineteenth century, as described by Aron.

He is a thin, dapper man, accurately described in a stage whisper by one of the audience as "young and bald". Clearly not a glutton himself, he seemed faintly disapproving as he spoke of the enormous quantities of food the French bourgeoisie consumed in the years following the Revolution, partly in an attempt to ape the excesses of the former aristocracy.

Formal dinners in those days were organized according to *service à la française*, something like a modern buffet. The principle was that large quantities of more than a dozen main dishes would be placed on the table at once, and people would tuck in to as many as they liked. The most desirable dishes would run out first.

Cheese was not highly regarded in that period, mainly because it did not travel well and therefore not many varieties were available in any one place. Thus it was always what was left at the end of the peak period of gluttony, which is probably why it is still left until the end of the meal in many households.

Towards the end of the nineteenth century, though, *service à la fraingaise* was replaced by the more easily manageable *service à la russe*, where everybody ate the same thing, generally served by waiters. By this time the cheeses were becoming of higher quality. They began to become an integral part of the French meal, as they are today, and took an earlier place in the running order. I know that provides no solution to the present-day bourgeois dilemma, but I think it is reasonably fascinating, all the same.

It was not the Mayor of Hackney who dressed up for the gala film show at the Odeon, Dalston, which I reported yesterday. It was the Mayor of neighbouring Islington. My apologies to both.

Teasing

Harrods, the stately Knightsbridge store, let their hair down on Wednesday night when they introduced their new hair stylist, a young Londoner called George. A bevy of bobbed, permed, blow-dried and finger-teased models paraded to popular songs that the BBC have recently banned because of their suggestiveness, and the evening ended with a mild strip-tease.

George was interviewed by Gerald Harper, the actor, who asked searching questions like: "George, what are your articles of faith as a hairdresser?" George said they were his hands. He also said that he had come to Harrods because "having your own shop, when people are always knocking on to you for bread and that, is too big a headache that I don't want to know any more".

The audience included some of George's clients, such as Judith Chalmers, the broadcaster. One woman, who said she had followed George around London from salon to salon for years, added: "The great thing about George is that he is a native Cockney. There are not many of them about." I thought there was one born every minute.

13th degree

Diana Menuhin, wife of the violinist Yehudi Menuhin, telephoned yesterday to inquire after my allotment (frozen over, I had to tell her) and to tell me about her husband. He is going to Paris next week to be awarded an honorary degree at the Sorbonne—the first musician, she says, so to be honoured. Edward Heath will get a degree there on the same day, but for his political rather than his musical achievements.

Though a generous gesture, the French are being a bit tight-fisted about the arrangements, according to Mrs Menuhin's account. They are not going to provide a gown, and have asked the violinist to wear the gown relating to the most honorific of his 12 other degrees. He has chosen the splendid green and magenta job which went with his very first honorary degree—from Oxford in 1962. Oxford were a bit mean about that one, too. They wanted it back to use again, and when he insisted on taking it they made him pay.



Drink up

The Horticultural Hall in London's Vincent Square became a crowded cut-price wine bar yesterday as a widely advertised three-day public wine tasting got under way. The entrance fee of 50p entitled visitors to six glasses of wine—the equivalent of a bottle—and, for the inveterately bibulous, supplementary tickets for further glasses at 10p each were sold inside.

"No", said a dark-suited man when he was offered a Margaux produced at a big-name chateau, "that is the one my wife says tastes like rotten string beans. I'll have something else thank you."

A group behind were comparing the merits of a Chateauneuf-du-Pape at £2.75 and an Argentine red at 95p. "I cannot tell the difference", woman. "Red wine is ate challenge to the pal dear", replied her h indulgently.

Some of those mor tomed to wine tasting traditional type remark absence of spittoons, th few waste-paper baske sawdust in them were s the edges of the hall. a glass they're not going spitting much out", sa general manager of the pany drily. "Only comm do that sort of thing."

The company chairman "There is such a great of cheap wine about various countries of orig people should have an tunity of sorting out the bottle they like best. It's time to buy now, becau only is there too much wi everybody has too many corks and cartons. The overstocked when there shortage a year or two With the lira down rumours of the franc de one cannot look too far but prices will probably go up another 20 per the end of the year."

A new tactic has been duced by anti-canine gro in the running battle fought in the streets of sington over dog ex Somebody has drawn a circle around a monster deposited on the pave Ladbroke Square, 10 west of the Home Sec house. Beside has been the message: "This here by the red setter f basement flat of Numb giving the address of depositor.

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ROAD TO 1776

ufacturing industry . That, at least, is the lication of today's eport on Financial and Inflation by the nomic Development DO). The report financial perform- ufacturing industry and of its twelve ectors between 1965

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ords companies have been meeting their obligations to the Government, to their creditors and to their shareholders out of capital, thereby actually shrinking the size of the average enterprise year by year. This is what Mr Tony Benn has called de-industrialization and what has also become the starting point for the Government's new industrial "strategy".

Since manufacturing industry employs nearly a third of the national work-force, produces nearly two-fifths of national output and provides over four-fifths of all visible exports, its disappearing profitability and physical contraction must be alarming. The record is all the more alarming when it is appreciated that manufacturing industry, because it has the unique property of limitless potential gains in productivity, is the only possible foundation for indefinitely sustained economic growth.

Declining profitability, measured as NEDO have measured it, means much more than that the euthanasia of the rentier has begun. Declining profitability, as measured by NEDO, could be due to declining efficiency of capital or due to labour securing a rising share of the fruits of manufacturing or to a mixture of both causes.

Marxists naturally argue that the problem lies in the declining marginal efficiency of capital and that this signals the long-awaited collapse of capitalism which Marx always predicted would arise from this cause. Liberal economists equally naturally blame collective trade union bargaining for setting uneconomically high rewards to labour, thereby eroding profitability and, with it, the incentive to manage assets efficiently and to finance the provision of new assets.

The quantitative evidence is not decisive between these two explanations. But those who recall the principle of William of Ockham's razor—that the simplest available explanation is to be preferred to more elaborate speculations—will notice that the fact and effects of collective bargaining are matters of common observation, whereas the origins of a spontaneous decline in the efficiency of capital would have to be sought in some fancied deceleration of technological change.

What is quite certain is that in an economy where savings, investment and efficient management depend upon the incentive of financial returns, the present trend portends the progressive liquidation of manufacturing industry and, with it, most of the difference between the standard of living now and the standard of living 200 years ago, when the industrial revolution began. To prevent such a catastrophe Marxists and advocates of the corporate state, say that the Government must take over the roles of capital markets and entrepreneurs. Others can only conclude that eliminating the excesses of collective bargaining is the indispensible condition of any recovery of industrial vigour, as it is also the condition of any return to sustained high employment.

NG THE CONCORDE EXPERIMENT

Coleman, the United tary for Transporta- iven Concorde the its makers and ve been waiting for: te its attractions on busiest inter-conti- His is not the final pportunity may yet hem either by the uthorities in respect Airport or by action courts — environ- utes yield a heavy ation in the United Mr Coleman's deci- reasons he gives for ing to smooth the most admired and 1 aircraft.

nent in which Mr ivered his decision spects a model for duty it is to make administrative deci- ait fully and fairly cts and arguments the issue, and made hain of reasoning n to his conclusion. de view of the bene- nted from granting e landing rights in tates looking beyond sed advantages of eaffirmation of the iproeity" which has United States to do exporting its aero- ducts. Against those ttempted to measure mental objections been thrown at Concorde. The three to be taken most seriously are noise, an alleged effect on ozone levels in the stratosphere, and excessive consumption of fuel.

The third of those objections—that the development of a commercial aircraft which is profligate of fuel in relation to passenger/miles marks a wrong turning in the present state of the world—Mr Coleman was not disposed to settle *a priori*. It is better settled by allowing the aircraft to find its commercial fate. The ozone question is the subject of expert dispute. Mr Coleman takes it seriously, but as something for further study, not as a bar to flying the aircraft for a limited period in limited numbers. And he has specified steps to be taken to monitor ozone levels during what he calls the demonstration period of sixteen months, which is what he is allowing, and to promote high altitude pollution research.

Noise on landing and takeoff is the environmental drawback about Concorde to which most objection is raised by members of the public. None of the methods for the objective measurement of noise overcomes the difficulty that different noises of different intensities annoy different people differently. For noise too Mr Coleman favoured a trial period during which the response of the people affected can be observed under conditions of less notoriety (perhaps) than has so far attended the aircraft's comings and goings.

Mr Coleman was less than convinced about the commercial future of Concorde in particular or supersonic travel in general, but he wanted that to be settled by market experience of its advantages and disadvantages and observation of its environmental impact when in service rather than by his administrative fiat. "It may well be that further development of this technology is not economically sensible in the energy and environmentally conscious period in which we live. If so, then Concorde will fail because it is an anachronism, and its failure will be recognized as such rather than attributed to an arbitrary and protectionist attitude of the United States. . . ."

So he would grant it sixteen months of few but daily flights in and out of Washington and New York, at the end of which time its attractions to the surcharge class of passenger and its repulsions from the point of view of those left behind on the ground will have become less speculative. The greater its attractions prove to be, the harder will it become to rule against it because of environmental damage—which is why Concorde's friends are so pleased with Mr Coleman and its enemies are rushing to the courts in the attempt to have his permission cancelled.

OVIET UNION AND DJIBOUTI

loss of life and which accompanied the French school- the border of nd Somalia has a head the dispute ture of the French mediately but not dispute between Somalia. The kid- the schoolchildren warning given by M he prime minister, position to his gov- d "abandoned the the territory's insti- adopting the position our who hopes to Ethiopia as well as uld like to own t it is from Somalia rorists come and it ench ambassador in who was kidnapped to spring other pro- orists held by the ijibouti. s the last European rica, and France has to get out of it, for s a staging post and surveillance of Rus- ies in the horn of long been out- its cost. But both Ethiopia have been French presence as t means of postpon- over which of them rit. Somalia has be- essively more eager ch evacuation as its een built up by the and as Ethiopian vaned in the struggle

Eritrean secession- December the United sed a resolution ask- to decolonize it without more delay and in January France agreed to do so, subject to another plebiscite on the inhabitants' wishes. In 1967 the territory narrowly voted to remain French amid violent dissent from the losers.

Djibouti is divided between the Afar and Issa peoples. The Issas favour union with the Somalis, with whom they identify themselves. The Afars, in a minority in French territory, form a large group in Ethiopia—but feel no great affinity for Ethiopia, as well as none with Somalia or France. As France has ensured to their group the power, they have so far backed the French connexion, but there have been signs that the young Afars have been turning more to the militant and left-wing opposition party, the Popular African League for Independence, which claims to be non-tribal. Though M Aref has been negotiating independence arrangements in Paris, he has been manoeuvred into a rather isolated position. His plan is independence with a French garrison to keep the Somalis out, which, while acceptable to Ethiopia for the moment, is not independence as the United Nations anti-colonial committee recognizes it, nor the Organization of African Unity. It would not be a happy, and would remain an expensive, position for France.

But if the French withdrew completely, it seems certain that Somalia, on the model of Morocco in Spanish Sahara, will seize it during the ensuing trouble between the Issa and Afar factions. Djibouti is not Ethiopia's only port, but Assab and Massawa are under Eritrean threat and the Dergue in Addis Ababa can no more afford to abandon it than could Emperor Haile Selassie. For one thing its possession would heighten Somalia's appetite for Ogaden as well as for Kenya's western province. Russia would find Djibouti a handy adjunct to its Berbera base besides being glad to see the end of western influence in the Red Sea. The making of civil war with outside intervention is already prompting comparisons with Angola. The difference is that France has not pulled out as Portugal did, so that France and her allies, as well as Russia, will be involved if the struggle develops now rather than being postponed for another two years, as planned by M Aref.

The best solution would be along the lines of giving Djibouti a neutral status under international or United Nations guarantees with the budgetary aid needed to support itself. But the ferocity of tribal feelings, pan-Africanist principles, and the stakes for Russia are probably too great for diplomacy to overcome. Trouble with Somali expansionism has been expected for many years. The Somalis are a dynamic people, and in being big brother to them the Russians—if disrupting Africa was their aim—have chosen with skill and forethought. It may be, however, that the uneasiness which even African regimes who have espoused the MPLA cause feel over Russian and Cuban activity in Angola will become alarm if the same Russian methods are displayed blatantly in the horn of Africa.

f Hongkong

England
ongkong correspondent ients (January 26) on pamphlet *Hong Kong: sponsibility* has totally ed its contents. that "The self-govern- which the Fabian s would only succeed ng a "third China" in which Peking could te".

I stopped to read the pamphlet, let alone its would have realized that far from calling for self-government for Hongkong I am advocating a much greater assumption of paternal responsibility by the British Parliament for affairs in the colony. In this day and age this is an unfashionable role to adopt but it is made necessary by the peculiar circumstances prevailing in Hongkong. Chief among these are the well known and understandable objections by China to any notion of a self-governing Hongkong.

These objections are discussed in the pamphlet and my suggestions for social reform are framed to avoid arousing Chinese fears. It is absurd to suggest that the introduction of a minimum wage, an Ombudsman, a reconstituted Legislative Council in which appointed officials would outnumber elected members, a House of Commons Select Committee, and a Commission of Inquiry into social conditions, represent calls for "self-government".

Yours faithfully,
JOE ENGLAND,
Hill Crest,
Forrest Road,
Kenilworth, Warwickshire.
January 28

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Electing a Scots Assembly

From Lord Home of the Hirsel and Lord Perth

Sir, The debate on devolution in the House of Lords last week showed an encouraging measure of agreement on the functions and powers of the Scottish Assembly.

The main issue that remains unresolved is how the Assembly members should be elected. The future of the Union and the success of the Assembly in years to come depend on finding the right answer.

This should be decided on a non-party basis and we ask the Government to call a Speakers' conference to recommend, amongst other things, how members should be elected, their numbers, the boundaries of their constituencies and the life of the Assembly.

Yours very truly,
HOME,
PERTH,
House of Lords.
February 3.

British film industry

From Mr Michael Relph

Sir, The report containing the recommendations of the working party set up by the Prime Minister to examine the future of the British film industry was published over two weeks ago, and heavily criticized, not only in your own leader, but also—in a flurry of comment throughout the media—by one British producer/director who has since returned to Hollywood where he customarily works.

Now that the dust has settled, it is time for those seriously committed to the welfare of British film production to report on the conclusions they have drawn from a close examination and discussion of the report.

The initiative of the Prime Minister in setting up the working party is wholeheartedly appreciated, and we believe that those concerned have, in a remarkably short space of time, come up with radical and ingenious proposals which could ensure the survival of the sort of national film industry which every major nation considers a necessity and supports by subsidy of one sort or another.

The ingenuity of their main proposal lies in the fact that the fund of public money (£5m a year for four years) would be substantially cushioned against any foreseeable loss by the £1m of the industry's own money contributed annually from the Eady Fund.

The second major proposal, that the Independent Television companies should be able to offset their investment in feature film production against the assessment of the television profits levy, is merely an enlargement of the scope afforded to those companies for using their resources on what will ultimately become programme material.

The third, and vitally important recommendation, is for the setting up of a British Film Authority which will embrace all aspects of film-as-an-industry and film-as-an-art under one responsible body reporting to a single senior minister. It is envisaged that this authority would include representatives of both the film and television industries and would represent a long overdue rationalization of an art-cum-industry that has grown up in a somewhat haphazard way, due to constant technical development and changing market conditions.

Implementation of the report (with certain modifications to give more aid and protection to the exhibitors) will ensure that British producers will be given the necessary financial muscle to enter into profitable partnership with American and other foreign interests in the production of genuinely British international films which will bring, not only national prestige, but also substantial export revenues to this country.

Yours faithfully,
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Film Production Association of Great Britain,
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27 Soho Square, W1.
February 5.

Dried milk for babies

From Mr Charles de Selincourt and Lady Limerick

Sir, There has been considerable publicity this week over the DHSS decision to stop recommending the use of a number of dried milk powders by mothers of babies under six months old. This has been particularly gratifying to our foundation as we financed some of the research which succeeded in showing two years ago that these powders, wrongly used, could be a contributory factor in some of the "cot deaths" among babies in this age group.

At the same time it is ironic to note from your columns that the taxpayers' annual subsidy for one of these powders, National Dried, has been £1.8m. This sum is about 45 times greater than our income last year. A third of this amount donated for medical research would hopefully discover all the factors involved in "cot deaths".

Have we been getting our priorities right? Is one year's supply of cut-price milk powder really 45 times more important than discovering scientifically why one baby in 500 is, at present, doomed to die inexplicably?

Yours faithfully,
CHARLES de SELINCOURT,
Chairman,
SYLVIA LIMERICK,
Vice-Chairman,
The Foundation for the Study of Infant Deaths Ltd,
23 St Peter's Square, W6.
February 5.

Living together

From Mr M. L. Parry

Sir, Mr H. Beresford-Webb's criticism (February 2) of the decision in *C v C* prompts me to ask why should those who choose not to enter into matrimony be entitled to the protection of matrimonial law?

Yours faithfully,
MARTIN PARRY,
Solicitor, Lecturer-in-Law,
The University,
Hull.
February 3.

Teaching of religion in schools

From Mr John Stuart

Sir, Double-think is necessary in educating children, and it is hypocrisy not to indulge in it. Thus children are better left at the mercy of religious education teachers like me than in the care of Miss Barbara Smoker (February 3). As a child an individual thinks *as a child*; only when he has become a man are childish things put away. But nobody goes to bed a child one night, to wake up a man next day; growing up is a lengthy process, and it involves double-think on the part of those educating the developing child. We accept the child as he is, and communicate with him at his childish level, but at the same time we are leading him to a more adult way of thought.

Many of us regard religion, along with history or citizenship, as something in which to nurture a child's interest. Yet to nurture a child's interest in citizenship does not mean one is predisposing him to vote conservative. He may decide "history is bunk", but at any rate he will have an idea why he thinks so.

Religious education can never be "objective, fair and balanced". Only the most unbalanced religious educationist could make such a claim. To be "fair", we should not only have to teach Islam, Hinduism and the views of the National Secular Society, we should also need "Anti-God Hate" sessions on the timetable. Of course, we should teach children what we know about different philosophies, but we should not claim to be giving a "balanced" picture when we cannot.

As a child an individual has a right to nurture—the warm, personal, biased nurture of parent or teacher. Let us then nurture, admitting our bias in due season; we might even inspire! And who, pray, has read an "objective, fair and balanced" poem?

Yours ever,
JOHN STUART,
Head of Religious Education,
Shrewsbury School,
Shrewsbury, Shropshire.
February 3.

From the Revd M. C. Burrell

Sir, The President of the National Secular Society (February 3) seems to be unaware of the fact that many educationists (Christian and non-Christian) argue for the retention of religious education in the school curriculum on educational grounds. As aware as she is of the pluralist society, they do not attempt to justify the teaching of religion on the basis of their own belief that a particular religion is true. They would no more argue along these lines for the inclusion of religion, than they would argue for the exclusion of an objective examination of a non-religious philosophy (such as that favoured by Miss Smoker) because they happen to believe that such a philosophy is untrue. If religious education is to be included in the school curriculum it must be justified on educational grounds.

I would wish to argue that part of the aim of education is to equip pupils for life in twentieth century Britain where, despite what Miss Smoker alleges, Christian churches are still active, Christian festivals are still marked by public holidays, and many people who do not habitually attend church still come into contact with churches through baptisms, weddings and funerals. Moreover, more people attend church on Sundays than watch professional football matches on Saturdays. Pupils will be adequately equipped for life in such a Britain, only if they are made aware of the beliefs and practices of Christians, no matter what their personal religious standpoint may be.

British society also includes immigrant groups with followers of other world religions and other people, like the secularists, who espouse non-religious philosophies. On educational grounds, therefore, it can be argued that a person being prepared for life in Britain today must also be made aware of other religions and of some of the non-religious stances for living.

Because this country remains nominally Christian, however, the lion's share of the RE syllabus should be devoted to the study of Christianity.

On such grounds, there is a strong educational case for the retention of the teaching of RE in general and Christianity in particular.

Yours faithfully,
MAURICE BURRELL,
Director of Education,
Norwich Diocesan Council for Education,
Holland Court,
Cathedral Close, Norwich.
February 3.

Pornography and the law

From Dr R. C. Mowat

Sir, I would like to thank you for your powerful leader of Friday, "The pornography of hatred", which so cogently pointed out the relation between the mass commercialization of pornography and a hate-filled exploitation or denial of woman's sexuality, as part of a general attitude of hatred and nihilism. The protection of the vulnerable must be one of the first aims of the law. Those who are well established in their moral attitudes need little or no protection, but those—not exclusively young people—who are at the margin and who can be swayed one way or another, should be given all the protection possible. You are quite right to call for the amendment of the law to this end, and there are many who, like myself, earnestly hope that the Home Secretary and the Law Officers of the Crown will swiftly undertake the necessary action.

Yours truly,
R. C. MOWAT,
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Headington,
Oxford.
February 1.

From Mr David Holbrook

Sir, The emerging resistance to sado-masochistic pornography in our society is welcome. But I should like to try to offer an insistence that all pornography is, of its nature, visual rape, and a form of violation of others, which teaches people at large to make use of others for their own satisfaction. Obviously, there is an element of this in all sexuality, and all sexuality contains an element of aggression. These elements, however, are modified by love, and by respect for the value of the other person. This sense of the "otherness" of another person, and the awareness we have of what they are feeling, are developed through imaginative capacities—thus, genuinely creative erotic art can enhance our human powers to love and enjoy sex.

After writing several books on the subject, and many articles, I find the most difficult thing in the world is to get over the simple point, that pornography is a form of victimization, and can never be "normal". Even the mere titillating nude is a way of robbing another person of something they are felt not to be giving voluntarily. But it is also cruel, to triumph over others, by making them perform their most creative and intimate acts in public. The most disturbing feature of recent trends has been the strange cold-bloodedness of otherwise decent people, who have seen nothing wrong with watching acts of public copulation, or sodomy, and now (it seems) even acts with animals.

But there is a reason for this. The individual to whom sexual love is meaningless tries to find its meaning by concentrating on the things in which he (erroneously) supposes the meaning to lie—the acts, the bodies, the words. Somehow, he must drag the meaning out of these. So, a society which gives way to pornography is one which has lost its sense of the meaning of sex. Those who are so cruelly exploited are those unfortunate "performers" who compensate in public acting out for their inability to understand what sex means. At last, in desperation, the search for meaning, in this perverted way, gives way to desperation which does not stop at brutal viciousness, rape or even murder (as in the "snuff movie"). But it is important, in the light of the deeper psychology of pornography as a cultural act, not to see that the "soft" invasion of privacy belongs to the same continuous path, from the first insult to woman, to humiliation, cruelty, and death, in the "hard" stuff.

Yours, etc,
DAVID HOLBROOK,
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Stapleford, Cambridge.
February 3.

From Mr E. J. Hobsbawm

Sir, Unlike John Trevelyan, I have great sympathy for most of the views expressed in your leader on "The pornography of hatred". However, I share his astonishment at what seems a gratuitous and defamatory attack on Kenneth Tynan. Only those who know Tynan can judge just how absurd it is to place him, in however ill-defined a way, into a context of "hatred of women's sexuality", "hatred of mankind", Nazi practices and torture. However, I do not merely protest out of friendship, though this is a good enough reason. *Times* leader writers ought to remember that, though they write with the passions—and sometimes errors—of people, they publish as powerful and relatively invulnerable institutions. They owe a duty to the public, but also to the individuals with whom they happen to disagree.

Yours faithfully,
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February 3.

Medieval helms

From Mr C. Blair

Sir, The report about the 14th-century helm as it appeared in today's issue (February 4) of *The Times* is unfair to Sotheby's in that the vital word "now" was omitted from my comment. What I actually said was "I am now 99.9 per cent satisfied that it is genuine." I was not, in fact, satisfied of this when I first saw it, for reasons that perhaps I may be permitted to explain.

About two years ago I was asked by Sotheby's to give an opinion on the helm which, as the giving of opinions is a normal part of the Victoria and Albert Museum's service to the public, I agreed to do. Genuine helms of this kind are excessively rare, and only two closely-comparable pieces are known, the helms of the Black Prince and Sir Richard Pembridge, respectively in Canterbury Cathedral and the Royal Scottish Museum. Very many fake helms of this type were, however, made in the 19th century, and a number were even acquired by the Tower of London. The Pembridge helm was a favourite source for these, perhaps because an excellent engraving of it was published in 1830, and I have seen several obvious fakes based on it: at least two, for example, can be seen on old photographs of Robert Curzon's armoury at Parham Park, Sussex, which was perhaps the most notorious collection of such pieces.

The helm under discussion differs from the Pembridge one only in such minor details as the number of ventilation-holes it contains, so when I first saw it I at once suggested that it was a copy. Subsequent comparison by Sotheby's with a photograph of the Pembridge helm appeared to confirm my original opinion, and it was therefore catalogued as it was. Only much later, when I was given the opportunity by the Tower of London Armouries to see the two helms side by side did I revise my opinion. The lingering doubt I expressed to your reporter arises from the fact that, in my experience, it is virtually unknown for two genuine medieval works of art of any kind to resemble each other so closely, unless produced by casting.

In conclusion, may I say that questions of this kind are very much ones of opinion. Despite the reference to X-rays in your report, there is not, so far as I am aware, any non-destructive scientific method of distinguishing in date between two iron objects made by the same traditional methods at different periods.

Yours faithfully,
C. BLAIR, Keeper,
Department of Metalwork,
Victoria and Albert Museum,
South Kensington, SW7.
February 4.

National Theatre's new ticket scheme

From Mr Peter Holland

Sir, The National Theatre has announced a radically new scheme for selling tickets for the Lyttelton Theatre when it opens in March. The result of the scheme will be to prevent large numbers of people who regularly attend the Old Vic from seeing productions at the new theatre.

While at the Old Vic, the National Theatre sold its seats by postal booking and through the theatre's box office. The seats were priced from 20p for gallery slips up to £3.25 for stalls. Some tickets were only available on the day of the performance but tickets from 40p upwards were available in advance.

The only seats to be available in advance at the Lyttelton Theatre are all one price, £2.35. One can now either purchase a voucher which must be exchanged for a ticket in the two hours before the performance or purchase a reserved ticket in advance for an additional cost of £2, that is £4.35 in all. There are to be a certain number of tickets at £1 and 50p on sale on the day of performance.

The new procedure penalizes many people. Anyone wishing to pay less than £2.35—and that would include most of us, but particularly students, who have always made up the largest proportion of the Gallery audience—must now arrive at the theatre on the morning of performance. Anyone paying £2.35 must now be able to arrive at the theatre two hours before the performance in order to secure a good seat in exchange for the voucher. Going to the new theatre will not be an evening's entertainment but a full day's expedition. Though the administration of the theatre has failed to realize it, some of its audience do work during the day and many live out of London. It is difficult enough for us to arrive at the theatre in time for the performance, let alone find time to spend queueing in the morning or two hours before the curtain goes up.

It appears that this new scheme is a temporary experiment. I hope the theatre-going public will indicate its disgust at once. This National Theatre no longer seems to want the nation to visit it.

Yours faithfully,
PETER HOLLAND,
Trinity Hall,
Cambridge.

From Mr A. Rodgman

Sir, Cheapest seats available to postal bookers for normal performances at the Old Vic: 40p.

Cheapest seats available to postal bookers for normal performances at the new National Theatre: £2.35 (seat numbers not even guaranteed).

Is this really a "National" theatre for all the people?

Yours faithfully,
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Proposed racing council

From Lord Leverhulme

Sir, When Lady Stedman, Baroness in Waiting, summed up the debate on the horseracing industry in the House of Lords on Wednesday, February 4, she referred to exchanges which her colleague the Minister of Sport (Mr Denis Howell) had had with the Jockey Club on the subject of a Racing Council.

She informed the House of Lords that the Minister had proposed a Racing Council to the Jockey Club on April 29, 1974, and it was not until January 28, 1976, that I had informed the Minister that the Jockey Club saw no advantage in such a proposal.

I would like to put the record straight on this matter. At no time in the past two years has the Jockey Club received any correspondence or written proposals from the Ministry of Sport on any subject.

Following the change of Government, the Stewards entertained Mr Denis Howell in his capacity as the Minister of Sport to a private luncheon in April 1974, during the course of which he expressed the view that the recently established Cricket Council was working very well, and that he considered that there might be some merit in the racing authorities examining the workings of this body.

I met the Minister at the House of Commons in July 1975 when he again raised the question of a council and I suggested to him an alternative proposal which he undertook to look at.

The Jockey Club did, in fact, also hold informal discussions with the MCC from which it was apparent that the problems facing the two sports were quite different and similar solutions would not necessarily apply.

In December I invited the Minister to dine with me. This private dinner took place on January 28 and during the course of it some reference was made to our previous conversation and the discussions which had taken place between the Stewards and the MCC.

I feel, therefore, that for the Minister to imply that the club had turned down his proposal is extremely misleading.

Yours faithfully,
LEVERHULME,
Senior Steward of the Jockey Club.
Registry Office,
42 Portman Square, W1.

Moon temple mystery

From Lord Fletcher

Sir, I cannot of course object to Professor Glyn Daniel in his letter published yesterday (February 4) referring to Sir John Betjeman and myself as "eminently sane and sensible men".

However, if only for that reason I must in the interests of accuracy correct his statement that in opposing the siting of an aerodrome near Wing Church in Buckinghamshire I quoted Borst's view that there was a third millennium BC sanctuary under the church.

I was not aware of Borst's article or of his views on the subject but if I had been I should, like Professor Glyn Daniel, have regarded his views as nonsense. My concern, which I am happy to say was achieved, was to secure the preservation of All Saints Church, Wing, as an outstanding and unique survival of early Anglo-Saxon architecture.

Yours faithfully,
FLETCHER,
House of Lords.
February 5.

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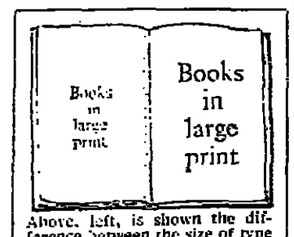
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BUCKINGHAM PALACE

February 5: His Excellency Mr Cecil Beaumont Williams was received in audience by The Queen *this morning* upon *his* appointment as High Commissioner for Barbados in London.

Mrs Williams had the honour of being received by Her Majesty.

Mr Malcolm Morris was received in audience by The Queen and kissed hands upon his appointment as Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary for Australia at Berlin.

Mrs Morris had the honour of being received by The Queen.

General Sir John Gibbon had the honour of being received by Her Majesty upon *his* appointment as Aide-de-Camp General to The Queen.

Today is the twenty-fourth anniversary of the accession of the Queen.

The Rector of the Royal College of Art much regrets that he was unavoidably prevented from attending the memorial service for Sir Thomas Monnington.

Birthdays today

Mr Claudio Arrau, 73; Sir Hugh Beadle, 71; Lord Justice Buckley, 70; Mr Peter Cadbury, 58; Sir *Keith Cantlie, 90*; Sir John Gardener, 79; Air Marshal Sir Victor Goddard, 79; Mr Christopher Hill, 64; Sir Robertson King, 61; the Rev E. Garth *Moore, 70*; *Lord Justice Roskill*, 65; Lord Woolley, 71; Mr W. A. Wright, 52.

Today's engagements

The Queen visits International Computers, Bracknell, Berkshire, 3.

The Duke of Edinburgh visits Martin Baker Aircraft Company, Higher Denham, Middlesex, 11.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, Chancellor of London University, attends president of the union's ball, London University Union, 8.45.

Memorial service: Mr Ronald Jenkins, St Peter's, Vere Street, 12.30.

Royal salute

A royal salute of 21 guns will be fired by 104 Light Air Defence Regiment at noon today in Bute Park, Cardiff, to mark the anniversary of the Queen's accession.

Marriages

Mr D. J. Miller
and Miss M. Dulley

The marriage took place on January 24 in Abu Dhabi between Mr David Miller and Miss Maryrose (Rosie) Dulley.

Mr W. R. Watson
and Mrs D. J. Ash

The marriage took place quietly in Petersfield on February 6, 1976, between Mr Roger Watson, of Broadhanger, Frogfield, and Mrs Dulcie Ash, of Colemore House, Colemore, Hampshire.



Rapid copy: Above, a Chinese famille rose bowl of about 1750-60; below, a detail from *Hogarth's* "The Roast Beef of Old England", of 1749, now in the Tate Gallery, from which the decoration of the bowl was copied. The bowl is to be included in a two-day sale at Christie's of fine Chinese export porcelain on March 1 and 2. Three other Chinese pieces are known to reproduce the Hogarth composition. The Victoria and Albert Museum owns the pair to this bowl; both bear the arms of the Rumbold family.

Top prices assured for old-world style

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent

A mid-seventeenth-century Flemish *oak cupboard was sold for £3,300*, with premium, at Christie's yesterday (estimate £800 to £1,200). It was the top price in a sale of English and Continental oak furniture, pewter and *metalwork*.

Such specialized sales regularly bring Low Country and other Continental dealers to Christie's and assure top prices for an old-world style now *much in fashion on the* Continent. Yesterday's sale made £43,019, with less than 4 per cent unsold.

A 9ft walnut refectory table catalogued by *Christie's* as "probably Italian, sixteenth century", made £2,200 (estimate £1,000 to £1,200). A sixteenth-century Dutch brass chandelier with baluster stem and *six* scrolled branches, the type often portrayed in old Dutch paintings, fetched £1,375 (estimate £400 to £450) from a Belgian dealer. A pair of elaborate brass candlesticks dated 1640, with *multi-baluster* stems and hexagonal drip-pans, made £1,210 (estimate £150 to £200).

Christie's sale of fine wines also met healthy demand. A single *bottle of 1929 Château Lafite made* £42 (estimate £20), while the 1961 vintage of that great wine was selling at £260 a dozen (estimate £200 to £300). A half-bottle of 1909 *Lafite brought* £20.

At Sotheby's Belgravia a sale of Continental ceramics made £38,486, with 3 per cent unsold. A Vienna metal-mounted clockcase, painted *with flying cherubs and allegorical* figures, went for £1,155 (estimate £500 to £800); it is 20½ inches high and dates from about 1830. A pair of Sèvres jewelled vases with *a bright blue ground and frieze of* disporting putti made £1,100 (estimate £800 to £1,000).

Bonham's sale of selected paintings made £45,602, with about 10 per cent unsold. A seventeenth-century Flemish "Adoration", measuring 40 to 52 inches and painted on panel, surprised the auctioneer by reaching £1,595, with premium (estimate £400 to £600). A marine painting by Thomas Luny reached £1,540 (estimate £900 to £1,300).

For the first time Bonham's had included their best carpets in a furniture sale, and with the present market for good carpets prices ran well beyond expectations. A Kashan carpet with an *olive-green ground, measuring* 11ft 6in by 8ft 7in made £3,960 with premium (estimate £1,500 to £2,000). A second Kashan carpet, the ivory ground with a rose and *blue floral lozenge design, measuring* 14ft 10in by 9ft 2in, made £3,740 (estimate £1,200 to £1,500).

OBITUARY

MR ROGER LIVESEY

Stage and film actor

Mr Roger Livesey, the actor, died on February 4 at the age of 69. An actor's son, who began his career at an age when he could play young boys, he lived to be a favourite player of elderly men in comedy both in the theatre and in films.

His father, Sam Livesey, who claimed once to have been in a cast in which four generations of Liveseys were represented, was still a touring actor when his third son Roger was born at Barry, South Wales, on June 25, 1906. The boy became a pupil of Italia Conti, and made his debut at the St James's, in a company which included his father and Aubrey Smith, at the age of seven. He went on to play boy-parts in other West End productions including one of Ben Travers's Aldwych farces; toured in the West Indies and in South Africa; and at the age of 25 appeared with John Gielgud in the try-out of Ronald MacKenzie's *Musical Chairs*. To his role in this play, which had devolved upon his eldest brother Jack, Roger Livesey returned in 1932, having meanwhile worked with Gielgud again in the try-out of Gordon Daviot's *Richard of Bordeaux*. Through the latter he came to the notice of Harcourt Williams, the producer of plays at the Old Vic, who, considering that Livesey had some of the humour and ruggedness of the Vic's most recent leading man, Ralph Richardson, together with other qualities of his own, picked him for the Waterloo Road. Accordingly, when Livesey left *Musical Chairs* it was to join the Vic Company led by Malcolm Keen and Peggy Ashcroft. He was reengaged for the next season under the new director, Tyrone Guthrie, for whom he played the Duke to Flora Robson's Isabella, Caliban to Charles Laughton's Prospero, and through an ingenious piece of casting Ben in Congreve's *Love for Love* with his brother Barrie as his stage Valentine and his father Sam as his stage father Sir Sampson.

After leaving the Old Vic in 1934 he appeared in the West End in the Chinese play *Lady Precious Stream* and, among



other parts in films, as the beggar in Korda's *Rembrandt* whom Charles Laughton, as the painter, uses as his model for King Saul. Soon after his father's death, Livesey made his New York debut in a production of *The Country Wife* which had originated at the Old Vic, and in New York in January, 1936, he married as her second husband Ursula Jeans, who had been a fellow member of the company with him during Guthrie's first season in the Waterloo Road. Guthrie brought them back to it in 1939, but of the roles earmarked for him, *trouble with Livesey's voice* compelled him to decline the first and to relinquish the second, though he completed all but one performance as Petruchio in the last production seen at the Old Vic before the Second World War.

During the early war years he was in revivals of *The Devil's Disciple* with Robert Donat and of Dear Brutus with Gielgud, and took the leading part *modelled* on the cartoonist Low's Colonel Blimp—he of the walrus moustaches—in Powell and Pressburger's topical film, *The Life and Death of Colonel Blimp*. He was also seen in another well liked Powell and Pressburger film, *I Know Where I'm Going*, playing opposite Wendy Hiller.

Later in the war he and his wife appeared together in London in plays by Lillian Hellman and Peter Ustinov and on tour for Entertainments National Service Association; and Livesey had an important part alongside David Niven and Raymond Massey in Powell and Pressburger's *A Matter of Life and Death*, which was chosen for the first Royal Film Performance in 1946.

The Liveseys were the stars of a new Priestley play in 1947, and three years later, when the Old Vic reopened they were seen there yet again in Hugh Hunt's production of *Twelfth Night*, Livesey as Sir Toby, which he had already played for Guthrie, and Miss Jeans exchanging her old part of Viola for Olivia. *To these* roles they added Brassbound and Lady Cicely in *Captain Brassbound's Conversion* and Falstaff and Mistress Ford in *The Merry Wives of Windsor*.

In 1953, after Livesey had made with Errol Flynn a film for Warner Brothers, he was prevented by illness from co-starring with his wife in the English play *Escapade* on Broadway, but they toured Australia and New Zealand together between 1956 and 1958 in plays by William Douglas Home and by Howard Lindsay *and Russel Crouse*. Livesey succeeded to the part of the Edwardian beau, screen-father of Laurence Olivier's Archie Rice, in the film version of *The Entertainer*, and he had the opportunity in the "live" theatre of the 1960s of playing notable elderly characters in Shaw, Chekhov and Wilde: Shotover in *Heartbreak House*, the Army doctor in *The Three Sisters*, and Lord Caversham in *An Ideal Husband*. In the last named play, scarlet-faced for the occasion, husky-voiced as usual, and amiable and quaintly dignified as ever, he upbraided his stage-son in the person of Richard Todd for something like a year before handing the role over.

He had parts in a number of television productions including *The Winslow Boy*; *Amphitryon 38*; *All Our Yesterdays*; *The Master Builder*; and *The Physicists*. In the BBC serialization of Trollope's "political" novels, *The Pallisers*, he played the Duke of St Bungay.

His wife died in 1973.

MR W. G. CONSTABLE

Mr William George Constable, who died on February 3, at the age of 88, was Curator of Paintings, Boston Museum of Fine Arts from 1938 to 1957.

Earlier, from 1929 to 1931, he was Assistant Director of the National Gallery, and from 1932 the first Director of the newly founded *Courtauld Institute* of Fine Arts at the University of London until he resigned in order to take up his duties in the United States.

Constable, who was connected by descent with the famous landscape painter and himself had a technical knowledge of painting, was born at Derby in 1887. He was educated at Derby School and St John's College, Cambridge, where he was Whewell Scholar of Cambridge University and Mac-Mahon Law Student of St John's College. In 1914 he was commissioned in the Sherwood Foresters. Two years later he was transferred as major and second in command of the 11th Lancashire Fusiliers, being *mentioned in* dispatches. After long service he received injuries from a shell and was invalided out of the Army with the honorary rank of major. For three years he studied at the Slade School under Tonks and Havard Thomas and also worked in the Bartlett School of *Architecture, and, though* he seldom exhibited, he continued to paint in his leisure.

Constable's first public appointment was as lecturer at the Wallace Collection. In 1923 he joined the staff of the National Gallery as assistant, being promoted Assistant Director under Sir A. M. Daniel in 1929. In the interval he was lecturer in the history of art at Bristol University; Ferens Lecturer in the History of Art at University College, Hull; and Sydney Jones Lecturer in Art at Liverpool University. Between 1935 and 1937 he was Slade Professor of Fine Arts in the University of Cambridge in succession to Roger Fry.

As a writer on art Constable was well known in connexion with catalogues of collections and exhibitions. His first work of the kind was the catalogue of the British Primitives Exhibition at the Royal Academy in 1924, British primitives remaining a special subject upon which he wrote at intervals, notably *on the Rood Screen paintings* of East Anglia. In 1927 he published the catalogue of the Marlay Bequest at the Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge, and in 1928 the catalogue of Italian Paintings in the W. H. Woodward collection. With others he contributed to the commemorative catalogues of the *Dutch*, Italian, French and British Exhibitions at Burlington House, besides being concerned in the organization of the exhibitions themselves. With C. H. Collins Baker he was part author of *English Painting 1500-1700*; he published a book on John Flaxman; he contributed to the *Cambridge Mediaeval History* and *Encyclopaedia Britannica*. Constable was successively art critic to the *New Statesman* and the *Saturday Review*; he was also on the consultative committee of the *Burlington Magazine*.

In the late 1920s he started collecting material about Richard Wilson but it was not until 1938 that he undertook to write his magnum opus on Wilson which was undoubtedly *his* greatest scholarly achievement and one by which his name will always be remembered. In this book, which was published in 1953, he triumphantly achieved his purpose to provide a corpus of all the known paintings with all the available facts about them, together with a detailed biography. The results exceeded all expectations although it cost him 280,000 words and the publishers 354 illustrations. It is one of the best and most comprehensive works ever written about an English artist. In 1962 he published a book on Canaletto.

As a writer Constable was more remarkable for accurate information clearly conveyed than for brilliant discoveries in *attribution or flashes of insight* in interpretation. As a lecturer he had the gift of adapting his knowledge to a mixed audience without in any way diluting the subject.

He married Olivia, daughter of A. Carson Roberts, and had two sons.

MR J. M. FLEMING

Mr John Marcus Fleming, CMG, Deputy Director of the Research Department of the International Monetary Fund in Washington since 1964 and a former Deputy Director of the Economic Section of the British Cabinet Office, died of cancer on February 3 at the age of 64.

Mr Fleming, who was born in Bathgate, Scotland in 1911, was a member of the Financial Section of the League of Nations from *1935 to 1937, in* the United Kingdom Ministry of Economic Warfare from 1939 to 1942; and in the Economic Section of the Cabinet Office from 1947 to 1951 and went to the IMF in 1954. He was a member of the United Kingdom Delegation to the *United Nations* Conference in San Francisco in 1945 and of numerous delegations to early United Nations commissions.

Mr Fleming, who held degrees from the University of Edinburgh, the London School of Economics and the Geneva Institute of International Post *Graduate Studies*, was a Rockefeller Foundation Travelling Fellow from 1937 to 1939 and a Visiting Professor at Columbia University, New York, from 1951 to 1954.

He published many articles and a book dealing with economic subjects and he played *a major role in recent years* in the IMF's work on reform of the International Monetary System and on the development of guidelines for the floating of exchange rates. He is survived by his widow, Gloria whom he married in 1959 as his second wife, and by two daughters by a previous marriage, in 1936, to Etta Leist which was dissolved in 1958.

He was made a CMG in 1950.

MISS WILMA HARTE

W.D.P. writes:

Miss Wilma Harte died on January 30 at the age of 59. A brain tumour struck her down while on holiday last summer. She bore her remaining months as she lived her life, intelligent to exactly what was happening, shrewd and humorous when she talked, calm and detached when she was no longer able to do so.

She spent the war years in the Ministry of Labour and came to the then Ministry of Education as an Assistant Principal in 1946. In spells she dealt with further education, the universities and overseas relations, but for 22 out of her 23 years with us she was associated with schools affairs. She served in Schools Branch in every grade from assistant principal to Under-Secretary in charge of the branch.

Her most distinctive contribution was probably in relation to the policy and trend towards the reorganization of secondary education on comprehensive lines. This brought out all her best qualities, searing common sense, a deep and subtle understanding of the law, both statutory and administrative, a mature *appreciation of the* "politics" of things and a talent for helping Ministers, of all persuasions, to do what they wanted to do.

Wilma Harte had no family or, over most of her life, relatives of her own. Her home was the department and her rewarding personal relationships were largely with fellow workers in Whitehall, Westminster and LEAs. A multitude of friends and acquaintances is unlikely to forget this remarkable woman and will sharply and sadly miss her.

Mr Maurice Edelston, the BBC radio sports commentator who also had a career as an England international footballer during the Second World War, has died at the age of 57. Though an amateur, he played five internationals against Wales and Scotland.

Ray Nance, the jazz trumpeter, who was a member of Duke Ellington's orchestra for 23 years, has died in New York at the age of 62. In addition to the trumpet he also played the cornet and the violin.

MR MAURICE JACOBSON

Mr Maurice Jacobson, OBE, the composer, pianist and adjudicator, died on February 1 at Brighton, at the age of 8[illegible].

He was born in London on New Year's Day 1896, and studied at the Royal College of Music, where Stanford and Holst were among his teachers. During the 1920s he wrote his first significant works, including a string quartet and many songs, but earned most of his living through work as a concert pianist and as a musical adviser to the firm of Curwen & Sons of which he became a director in 1933 and subsequently chairman.

After giving up his career as a pianist, he became one of the country's leading music adjudicators, and was one of the first to spot the talent of, among others, Kathleen Ferrier. At the same time he continued to compose, and his pieces include a good deal of incidental music for radio. Among his more important works are two cantatas for tenor, chorus and orchestra—*The Lady of Shalott* and *The Hound of Heaven*. The latter, written in 1953, was broadcast as recently as January 2 last to celebrate the composer's eightieth birthday when he said in an interview that the Francis Thompson poem had haunted him since his youth, and had demanded to be set.

Jacobson was kindness itself to meet. He was ceaseless in the practical and encouraging advice that he gave to aspiring musicians, and his genial presence will be missed in many quarters. He is survived by his wife Suzannah and his son Michael.

Rene Oppitz, the Belgian poet, critic and man of letters, has died in Annecy, France, aged 71. He was born in Schaerbeek in 1904 and published several books of poetry, two novels and a number of detective stories written under the *nom-de-guerre* of J-J. Marine. He had been editor of *Pourquoi Pas?* and assistant editor of *Le Courrier du Littoral*. He was a regular contributor to French and Belgian publications and ballet critic of *Saisons de la Danse*.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr N. W. *Drummond*
and Lady Elizabeth Kennedy

The engagement is announced between Norman Walker, younger son of the late Mr Edwin P. Drummond and Mrs Jill Drummond, Glenelg House, Octavia Terrace, Greenock, and Elizabeth Helen, only daughter of the Marquess and Marchioness of Ailsa, Cassillis House, Maybole, Ayrshire.

Mr C. M. Brightman
and Miss L. E. Nicholson

The engagement is announced between Christopher Marten, elder son of Mr and Mrs D. M. Brightman, of Munstead Park *House, Godalming, and Lindsey* Elizabeth, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs J. C. Nicholson, of Field Head, Troutbeck, Penrith.

Mr J. Crockford
and Miss H. D. Parker

The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr and Mrs D. H. Crockford, of Henley-on-Thames, and Helen Diana, daughter of Mrs D. Parker and the late Douglas Parker.

Mr J. M. Kopernicki
and Miss J. G. Lack

The engagement is announced between Jan Marceli, younger son of Mr T. M. and Dr I. Kopernicki, of Moseley, Birmingham, and Jennifer Gail, only daughter of Mr and Mrs H. H. Lack, Ivanhoe, Melbourne, Australia.

Councillor* P. J. *McGauley
and Miss J. P. A. Morris

The engagement is announced between Peter Joseph, elder son of Mr and Mrs J. A. McGauley, of Dorridge, West Midlands, and Jill Penelope Anne, only daughter of Mr and Mrs C. S. Morris, of Solihull, West Midlands.

Mr R. E. *Appleton*
and Miss J. E. V. Ball

The engagement is announced between Richard, younger son of the late Mr G. T. Appleton and Mrs Appleton, of Heswall, Wirral, and Jeanette, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs M. J. Ball, of Mansfield, Nottinghamshire.

Mr P. D. Crabbe
and Miss B. Sondergaard Nielsen

The engagement is announced between Patrick, son of Mr and Mrs K. H. M. Crabbe, of Wallswood, Dorking, Surrey, and Birgit, daughter of Mr and Mrs G. E. Nielsen, of Holbaek, Denmark.

Mr C. P. Fairweather
and Mrs N. J. Harland

The engagement is announced between Charles, younger son of *Mr and Mrs C. H. F. Fairweather*, of Nouds House, Lynsted, Kent, and Nicola, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs A. J. D. McArthur, of Caisson House, Combe Hay, Bath.

Mr P. H. C. Foster
and Miss E. J. C. Bond

The engagement is announced between Patrick Henry Cunliffe, son of the late Mr D. C. Foster, of Forest Row, and of Mrs T. P. Barlow, of Bracken House, Tabley Moss, Knutsford, Cheshire, and Elspeth Jean Christina, daughter of the Rev N. and Mrs Bond, of St Peter's Vicarage, Warrington, Cheshire.

Major M. A. Marman
and Miss R-M. L. Cassel-Kokczynska

The engagement is announced between Major Michael Anthony Marman, 9th/12th Royal Lancers (Prince of Wales's), eldest son of Squadron Leader and Mrs P. G. Marman, of Miranda, Sydney, Australia, and Rose-May (Tushka), only daughter of Pan Antoni Cassel-Kokczynski, of Punta Sardegna, Italy, and Mrs G. Cassel-Kokczynska, of Culverlands, Farnham, Surrey.

Luncheons

British Council

Dr P. A. I. Talhourdin, Assistant-Director-General, British Council, was host at a luncheon given yesterday at 10 Spring Gardens in honour of a delegation from Kerman University and the Ministry of Science and Higher Education, Iran.

Borrow Dental Milk Foundation

Mr E. W. Borrow, chairman of Borrow Dental Milk Foundation, gave a luncheon yesterday for Sir Rodney Smith, President of the Royal College of Surgeons of England. Others present were Lord Porritt, Mr W. J. Bendall, Mr A. Blake, Mr W. F. Davis, and Dr G. Nisbet.

Dinners

New Zealand Society

The New Zealand Society held their annual dinner at the Savoy hotel last night which commemorated *the signing of the Treaty of* Waitangi in 1840. Mr Guy Newton, president, was in the chair, and the other speakers were Mr Edward Heath, MP, the Deputy *Prime Minister of New Zealand* and Minister of Foreign Affairs, the High Commissioner for New Zealand and Mr Fred Peart, MP. Among others present were:

The Ambassador of the Republic of Ireland, the Commonwealth Secretary-General, the Earl of Selkirk, the Viscount Cobham, Viscount Boyne, Brigadier Lord Fairhaven, Lord Porritt, Lord Lloyd, Lord Cromwell, Lord Sutherthorpe, Mr William Rodgers, MP, Sir Michael Newton (Master, Girdlers' Company), Sir Max Brown, Sir Alan Sykes, Sir Peter Thornton, Sir Michael Palliser, Sir Fred Kearns, Air Chief Marshal Sir Andrew Humphrey, Mr Michael Jopling, MP, Mr Bryan Gould, MP, Professor J. P. Mackintosh, MP, Vice-Admiral H. G. Leach, Mr J. A. Turner, Mr W. A. B. Rae and Mr D. J. Sime.

Society of Apothecaries

The Master of the Society of Apothecaries of London, Dr E. *Grey-Turner, assisted by Professor* Donald Teare, Senior Warden, who proposed the toast of the guests, and Mr Ian Jackson, Junior Warden, received the guests at a *livery dinner held at Apothecaries'* Hall yesterday evening. Lord Widgery also spoke. Others present included:

The Danish Ambassador, Lord Pitt of Hampstead, Sir Brian Warren, Sir Brian Windeyer, Sir Ronald Bodley Scott, Sir Gordon Wolstenholme, Sir Edward Tuckwell, Air Vice-Marshal Sir Ralph Dyckson, Mr Keith Lyle, Dr H. M. Sinclair, Professor G. V. D. Born, Professor Philippe Meyer, Mr Guy Blackburn, Dr John Hellewell, Dr T. D. Whittet, *Professor* Norman Sutton, Professor J. A. Dudgeon, Chandler A. J. Woolford, Mr W. F. W. Southwood, Dr P. E. Thomson Huncoat, Dr Enid Houghton, Mr W. P. Cleland, and Dr Thomas Hunt.

AICA

The annual dinner of the British section of AICA, the international association of art critics, was held last night at the Arts Club. Professor J. P. Hodin presided, and the guest of honour was Professor Horacio Flores-Sánchez, Cultural Counsellor at the Mexican Embassy. The other guests included:

Dr Brigitte Lohmeyer (Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany), Dr Ivan Nurse (Austrian Embassy), Lord Michael Gordon, Sir Roland and Lady Symons, Dr Klaus Scholz, Mr Robin Campbell, Miss M. McCreed and Miss Dinah Cowles.

25 years ago

From The Times of Tuesday, February 6, 1951

Mr Younger, Minister of State, announced in a Parliamentary written answer yesterday that the *Hungarian Minister had been* informed that he and all Hungarian members of his staff and their dependants, as well as visiting members of the Hungarian Foreign Service, would in future be required to obtain permission from the Foreign Office for all journeys beyond a distance of 18 miles from Hyde Park Corner.

At question time, Mr Younger said that no restrictions on the movements of members of the *Soviet Embassy were at present* applied. [The movements of western diplomatists were restricted in Russia, Bulgaria, and Romania as well as in Hungary.]

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:

Professor Peter Strevens to be director-designate of the Bell Educational Trust in Cambridge.

The following have been appointed to the BBC's General Advisory Council, succeeding members whose terms have expired:

Dr A. D. Brockway, the Bishop of Thetford, the Hon. Eric Cavendish, Sir Stewart Crawford, Mr James Grew, Sir Geoffrey Jackson, Professor Donald Marchant, Mr David Streeter, Mr P. G. Weekes, and Miss Rosalie Williams.

Mr D. Lee to the new post of education officer (liaison), Independent Broadcasting Authority, with responsibility for developing relationships between the makers of education programmes and teachers and students.

The following to be members of the Independent Broadcasting Authority's General Advisory Council: Mr J. E. Abrams, teacher at Robert Montgomery School, London; Mr R. V. Duchton, general secretary, Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen; Mr T. Durgan, *national officer, sign* and display section, National Society of Operative Printers, Graphical and Media Personnel; Sir W. H. Gunn, former, of South Molton, Devon; Miss J. Robertson, journalist, of Thornton, Tayside, and Mrs K. B. Shaw, *county secretary for Cumbria, Pre-School Playgroups* Association.

Latest wills

Latest estates (net before duty paid; duty on some estates not disclosed):

Danby, Mr Gilbert Charles, of Cheam, Surrey, stockbroker £93,273

Slaughter, Mrs Frances Annie, of Yelverton, Devon .. £96,935

Sotheby, Mrs Marjorie, of Westminster £239,819

Arts pay tribute to the United States

By Our Arts Reporter

Financial support totalling £250,000 from the Government and from private sponsors will enable 20 *leading companies from Britain* to visit the United States to take part in the bicentennial celebrations. "our artistic tribute to the Americans", as Sir Jack Lyons, *chairman of the British Bicentennial Arts Committee*, said yesterday.

The Government's contribution is £150,000, but Sir Jack told a press conference: "We would not have got this much mileage from that without the £100,000 that has come from private sponsors." A number of organizations that would not otherwise have been able to go, would visit the United States, he said.

Special encouragement was given to groups to visit parts of the United States normally less frequented by artistic organizations from abroad. The Grimethorpe Colliery Band, from Yorkshire, and the Cory Band, from South Wales, both former National Brass Band Championship winners, are good examples.

They will be visiting the United *States for the first time and in*cluding in their itinerary performances in the coalfield areas of West Virginia and Pennsylvania, by special arrangement with the National Mineworkers' Federation of America.

The aim will be to cover as wide an area as possible, from Philadelphia to Pasadena, from Iowa to the Mid West coalfields and into Texas.

Although the tours will be to widely different areas throughout the year, six companies, the Scottish National Opera chorus, the brass bands, the Jaye Consort of Viols, the Scottish Military Tattoo and pupils from the Yehudi Menuhin School, will be heard, in some of America's most famous auditoriums in the week that includes July 4, Sir Jack said.

All those activities formed probably the most comprehensive exhibition of British strength and talent in the performing arts ever sent abroad for a special occasion. There might still be money available to help a few other groups who wish to go.

Participating organizations include the London Symphony Orchestra, under its principal conductor, André Previn, who is to tour in Massachusetts, the East *Coast cities and North Carolina*, featuring a special commission comprising a new work by Gordon Crosse, *Epiphany Variations*, Opus 39, to receive its world premiere in New York on March 8.

The London Philharmonic Orchestra will visit Iowa City, Bloomington, Indiana, and Michigan, and some big East Coast cities. The English Chamber Orchestra will perform the complete Mozart piano and violin concertos at Carnegie Hall, New York, with Isaac Stern and Daniel Barenboim.

The Scottish National Orchestra Chorus and the London Schools Symphony Orchestra are to perform at the Hollywood Bowl; the Royal Shakespeare Company is to appear in New York; the Scottish Baroque Ensemble is to tour Texas; and there will be an extensive tour by Peter Maxwell Davies's Fires of London modern music ensemble.

*The D'Oyly Carte Opera Com*pany is to tour from April to July. An exhibition of British fine arts and silverware will be staged at the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC and it will later go on tour. Of specific interest, the Scottish Military Tattoo will appear in full force at the famous Wolf Trap Farm Park, Virginia, in the first week of July, by special arrangement with the Ministry of Defence.

University news

Oxford

Dr J. B. Goodenough, PhD (Chicago), leader of the electronic materials group, Lincoln Laboratory, Massachusetts Institute of *Technology, has been appointed* professor of inorganic chemistry from August 1, in succession to Professor J. S. Anderson, who retired last year.

Open Colleges: R. C. T. Parker, BA, New College, has been elected to an *official Fellowship and Tutor*ship in classics.

St Andrews

St Nicholas, BA, senior lecturer in economics, to be Master of the United College for four years.

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Present Treasury thinking is to leave decisions on REP out of next week's measures; but the Chancellor may want to reassure the unions they can be taken quickly, before or after the Budget.

Among the ideas being examined are thought to be paying out an employment subsidy as a percentage of wage bills rather than per capita. This eases the impact of giving women parity to men.

Another suggestion is linking enhanced payments to companies willing to embrace planning agreements, but not denying them a basic rate if they do not do so.

The point is being made that the cost of improving employment premiums (and the Government has already introduced a temporary employment subsidy) can be defended as the cash cost is much less when seen in resource terms; for it can cut unemployment and actively help employers, including exporters striving to hold unit costs.

Refinements into a more general labour subsidy might invite European criticism, but REP has already been doubled without much fuss by the present Government, which reprieved the system of support when the previous administration had planned to phase it out.

Meanwhile, the Treasury is also examining fresh proposals on training put up by the Manpower Services Commission and considering whether there is scope for helping specific industries to stockpile.

It is already backing a £70m scheme for steel stockpiling and new powers are available for coal. The Chancellor is also ready to increase further aid for companies to bring forward investment schemes (as fast as the traffic will bear, is the official phrase), and to back a few more selective modernization programmes for industries likely to face "bottlenecks" in an economic revival situation.

Mr Healey is preparing proposals for continuing corporate stock relief. Deferred tax liability on stock appreciation has greatly helped companies through a difficult period, and there have been anxieties over whether the relief will be suddenly withdrawn, so disrupting planning at a time when there is some revival of industrial confidence.

The much-awaited White Paper on public expenditure is expected to be published on February 19.

Immediate threat seen to 7 banks, Senate told

From Frank Vogl
Washington, Feb 5

Mr James Smith, United States Comptroller of the Currency, told congressmen today that seven modest-sized American banks, with combined assets of $4,669m (about £817m) "exhibit a combination of weaknesses and adverse financial trends which pose an immediate threat to liquidity or solvency of the institutions".

He said these seven were now the most serious cases on the special list of "problem banks", maintained by his office, which covers 28 institutions.

He told a hearing before the Senate Banking Committee that the other banks on the list, with total assets of $9,856m, were in a serious situation and could face insolvency, but could not be described as being in "immediate danger".

A number of congressional committees are at present holding hearings on the methods by which banks are regulated and on their financial condition.

So far none of the witnesses before these committees has suggested that any of the nation's largest banks are in serious danger, although about 60 have been mentioned as having grave problems. There are altogether some 14,600 banks in the United States.

The hearings are coinciding with work in other congressional committees on anti-trust matters, which are concentrating to some extent on banking issues.

It seems likely that the work of all these committees dealing with the banking system may eventually be coordinated. Legislation to improve the system of bank regulation, while at the same time establishing new rules governing expansion, acquisition and merger could then be promoted.

European Ferries countering bid for Felixstowe by docks board

By John Brennan

European Ferries is to mount a counter-bid to the British Transport Docks Board's £5.24m offer for Felixstowe Dock and Railway Company.

Felixstowe, which runs Britain's largest privately-owned port, is to be nationalized under the Government's docks policy. Last November, Felixstowe's shareholders accepted a 150p share cash offer from the docks board.

A private Bill to enact the takeover, promoted by the docks board, is now before Parliament. But until the Bill receives Royal Assent, Felixstowe's shareholders are free to dispose of their shares as they wish, and the company has retained its stock market quotation.

As the docks board does not control Felixstowe until the Bill, which is now subject to a blocking motion at Westminster, completes its passage through Parliament, European Ferries plans to make a counter-offer for the company conditional on the support of the Felixstowe directors and employees at the port.

Mr W. D. Wickenden, the European Ferries chairman, presented a formal offer to the Felixstowe board yesterday morning. But the terms of the bid will not be released until board and employee support for the plan has been agreed.

Mr Wickenden does, however, confirm that the bid is pitched at a slight premium to the docks board's 150p a share.

European Ferries' approach, which came as a surprise to Mr Gordon Parker, Felixstowe's chairman, is now under discussion by the Felixstowe board. Mr Wickenden has already had initial talks with representatives of the port workers.

The docks board is unprepared to make any comment on the move at this stage. But Sir Humphrey Browne, the Docks Board chairman, discounts European Ferries' suggestion that the enabling Bill faces serious delay in Parliament.

Sir Humphrey still hopes that the Bill will receive Royal Assent "in July or early August".

European Ferries hopes that the docks board will let its bid lapse if the ferry group can show that it has the support of the port's management and workers.

As a major user of the port, and with the cash resources to guarantee its future development, European Ferries argues that its bid would be a valid alternative to a state takeover.

European Ferries, which is among the petitioners for amendements to the docks board's Bill, believes there may be some doubt about the legal position of the board's offer.

Felixstowe's shareholders voted to accept the terms of the docks board's bid at their November meeting and not the presentation of a private Bill.

This matter will have to be decided by a parliamentary committee—a procedure which must further delay its progress.

Parliament's watchdog questions DoI help

By Malcolm Brown

Sir David Pitblado, Parliament's watchdog on public expenditure, has questioned the handling of several controversial disbursements of selective financial assistance made by the Department of Industry.

Sir David, Comptroller and Auditor General, also raises questions about the assistance given to the machine tool group Kearney and Trecker Marwin, subject of a major capital reconstruction scheme in 1974.

The Meriden Motorcycle Cooperative, the so-called Kirkby cooperative near Liverpool, and the ill-fated Scottish News Enterprises which published the short-lived *Scottish Daily News*, are examined in the report on the Appropriation Accounts 1974-75, published yesterday.

The Comptroller's report will go to the Public Accounts Committee which can itself mount investigations into the matters.

In the cases of Meriden, Kirkby and Scottish News Enterprises — all cooperatives which received government aid —Sir David noted that "a substantial part of the department's assistance was used to purchase existing assets on which there appeared to be a wide range of possible valuations." He asked the department whether it was satisfied that the prices were fair and reasonable.

The answers reveal what appears to have been some extremely hard bargaining. On the Meriden cooperative the department told Sir David that there had been a "major stumbling block" in the negotiations on the price for plant and machinery because the cooperative was prepared to pay from loan money only what it considered these assets to be worth.

"In view of the importance of restarting production at the factory as soon as possible, the Government decided to provide the difference between the two parties' valuations by making the cooperative a grant of £750,000."

On Kirkby, the report says, the department disclosed to Sir David that it had not been possible in the time available to arrange for an independent valuation of the assets. The receiver provided copies of the valuation he had received.

"The department were satisfied", the comptroller says, "that the company could not have bought the assets for less than the £1.8m paid."

Sir David questioned the department's monitoring of Kearney and Trecker Marwin's performance and prospects during the period when public funds were being committed to its support. He also inquired about the adequacy of the present costing and management systems.

"The department replied that the effectiveness of monitoring depended upon a company's ability to supply reliable information and that where its management, control and accounting systems were inadequate it took time for improved systems to be evolved. Roger Vielvoye writes: The total cost of introducing the Steam Generating Heavy Water Reactor system (SGHWR) including component development and launching aid for the electricity boards, will be between £50m and £150m according to the appropriation accounts.

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Offshore supply group gets £1.7m state loan

By Roger Vielvoye

Seaforth Maritime, one of the biggest British offshore service companies, is to get a £1.72m loan from the Government that will give the Department of Energy the option to become a minority shareholder in the company in 1978.

The Aberdeen-based company needed government help to pay for the increased costs of two tug/supply boats being built at the Drypool group's Selby yard, which is now in receivership.

Government money for the Scottish supply company is bound to have repercussions on Humberside, because the Department of Energy's loan to Seaforth is only slightly less than the £2m which was unsuccessfully sought from the Department of Industry to save the Drypool group, which employs about 2,500 people.

As well as the unsecured subordinated convertible loan which is being made under section 8 of the Industry Act, Seaforth is to raise up to £750,000 through a new share issue. About half of this issue will go towards the increased cost of the two boats from Drypool.

Mr James Hann, Seaforth's chief executive, said the two supply boats had been ordered on fixed price contracts for £2m each. As a result of going into receivership, the first would cost an extra £700,000 and the second £500,000 more.

The company was also no longer able to lease the second boat, the rest of the loan, with about half the new share capital, would go towards buying it.

Half the loan has to be repaid by 1978, at which stage the Department of Energy has the option to convert the rest into equity. This would give the Government about 10 per cent of the company. The department would probably hold the stake on its own account and not transfer it to the British National Oil Corporation.

UK build up by Schlesingers

Negotiations now in progress in South Africa will lead to a major increase in the holding of Schlesingers in its United Kingdom subsidiary Schlesinger European Investments (SEI) and also in Trindent Life Assurance and in London Consolidated Properties (LCP). Schlesingers plans a substantial injection of capital into SEI when the negotiations are completed.

Schlesingers is acquiring minority holdings in SEI and Trindent Life from Rand Selection and in LCP from Sorec, another South African company.

£75m Ninian issues fully subscribed

By Our Financial Staff

Four issues for a total £75.75m of loan stock and an oil production stock by the London and Scottish Marine Oil and Scottish Canadian Oil and Transportation institutional consortia to finance their share of the Ninian North Sea oilfield have been oversubscribed.

Morgan Grenfell, underwriters to the issues, and Cazenove, who acted as brokers, last night were "very pleased" with investors' response to what were jointly the largest public issues yet of company debt in this country.

When application lists opened yesterday morning, some £50m of the £75m of 14 per cent unsecured loan stock 1981/83 and of the related £750,000 worth of Oil Production Stock, had already been applied for by over 300 financial institutions.

Nearly £40m worth of applications were received for the remaining £25m and lists were closed after only ten minutes. The basis of allotment will be announced today and allotment letters will be posted next Tuesday and stock market dealings will begin the following day.

A large number of postal applications came from private investors as well as from certain other institutions and "well known stags".

Accountant calls for L & C audit inquiry

By Our Financial Staff

Mr Robin Atkins, the former audit manager of Harmood Banner who resigned over its handling of London & County Securities yesterday launched an attack on the Institute of Chartered Accountants.

He said the institute should hold an inquiry after criticism of the firm, which has merged with Deloitte, in last week's Department of Trade report on London and County. He called for an inquiry into the circumstances that led up to his own departure from Harmood Banner and the subsequent difficulties he experienced in reconciling his professional obligations with what he felt to be the interests of the general public.

Since his resignation in July 1973, Mr Atkins claims, he has attempted in vain to get an investigation and has been prevented by Harmood Banner from presenting a full report because of the firm's "consistent refusal to allow me to release confidential matters to the institute."

A spokesman for the institute said yesterday that it had consulted with Harmood Banner in 1973 and concluded that Mr Atkins' complaint did not warrant investigation. Mr Atkins had been of the opinion that certain loans to directors of London & County were in breach of Section 54 of the Companies Act.

Since the inspectors' report did not state that the loans in L&C Investments, the subsidiary to which Mr Atkins was audit manager, was in breach of that section, the institute saw no reason to revise its original judgment.

The institute maintained that, unless a client permitted otherwise, its members were not allowed to disclose confidential information except in a court of law or circumstances such as a Department of Trade inquiry.

But it does appear that the institute might set up an internal inquiry into the London & County affair, although its powers would appear to be almost negligible, given that Mr Plummer, the Harmood Banner partner criticized by the inspectors is a member of the Scottish branch and so subject to a different professional body.

It is also prevented from passing judgment on the situation until any court action is concluded.

Even then, the institute's spokesman said, it was concerned with maintaining future standards, rather than having a post-mortem on past mistakes.

But Mr Atkins clearly wishes the whole procedure for dealing with complaints to be redefined so that "no member should again face the problems which confronted me during the last two and a half years".

It is understood that during his dispute with Harmood Banner the firm complained to the institute about Mr Atkins's own behaviour in telling the press of his resignation at London & County Securities' annual shareholders meeting in August 1973.

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Thousands of jobs in British shipbuilding — scheduled for state ownership by October this year—are dependent on MFC orders at Scott Lithgow on the lower Clyde, at Harland & Wolff and options on a series of 13 ships with the Swan Hunter group on Tyneside.

The Swan options were negotiated through a joint company, Swan Maritime, in which the United Kingdom shipbuilding group has a 25 per cent stake.

Swan Hunter shares fell a further 6½p yesterday to 46½p on the disclosure by MFC in the United States of the scale of its difficulties.

Lonrho in £11m deal with Arabs

By Desmond Quigley

Less than a year after buying a 20 per cent stake in building contractors Richard Costain, Lonrho has resold the share block back to Arab interests for £11m cash, making a profit of £3.3m on the transaction.

Lonrho, the London-based overseas trading company, acquired the shareholding last March from Mr M. Al-Fayed, of the United Arab Emirates, for five million Lonrho shares and £375,000—worth a total of £7.7m at the time.

It was pointed out by Lonrho last night that under the terms of the deal Mr Al-Fayed had retained the right to repurchase the shares.

The return of the Costain stake to the hands of Mr Al-Fayed is seen in City circles as being a prelude to a rearrangement of Arab interests in Lonrho.

Lonrho commented that the reason for the Costain transaction was purely a business one. "We have done a good deal and that is it", a spokesman said.

The share swap last year brought Mr Al-Fayed on to the board of Lonrho and he then represented Lonrho on Costain's board.

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NEDO reveals extent of fall in manufacturers' profits

By Anthony Rowley

Strong statistical evidence of a serious decline in the underlying profitability of British manufacturing industry in recent years is produced in a report published today by the National Economic Development Office.

The report* also suggests reluctance or inability among many of the companies analysed to undertake new capital investments because of their declining profitability.

NEDO's latest survey based on reports from more than 1,200 companies, concentrates on 12 main sectors—food, metal manufacture, elecrical engineering, textiles; paper, printing and publishing; bricks, pottery, glass and cement; timber and furniture, chemicals, non-electrical engineering, metal goods, vehicles and clothing and footwear. The situation of individual companies is not discussed.

"Since 1965 manufacturing industry as a whole has had a declining return on assets", NEDO says. "Although on a historical cost basis, the return on assets employed improved from 12.7 per cent to 15.4 per cent (between 1965 and 1973), it dropped from 10.2 per cent to 6 per cent after adjusting for inflation."

This trend will have been accentuated by the higher levels of inflation in subsequent years, NEDO continues.

"The effect of inflation adjustments is even more marked on companies' net real retentions. Had companies taken into account the changing values of stocks and of depreciation on fixed assets, they would have incurred negative retentions in five of the past six years.

"The inability to sustain the flow of adequate internally generated funds could have meant that many companies were reluctant to move into new investment areas since the outside funds that would have been required had already been preempted to maintain current operations."

**Financial Performance and Inflation, NEDO, Millbank Tower, Millbank, SW1P 4QX.*

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Way cleared for prices package

By Derek Harris

The Retail Consortium yesterday completed its detailed negotiations with the Department of Prices and Consumer Protection on the Government's voluntary price restraint plan, removing the final obstacles to the unveiling next week of a list of goods on which prices will not rise more than 5 per cent in the next six months.

Some of the eight constituent trade associations which form the consortium have still to give their final blessing on certain details but no difficulties are now expected.

Other organizations are also coming into line, the latest last night being the Clothing Manufacturers' Federation and the Shirt Manufacturers' Federation.

In these sectors the 5 per cent benchmark will be observed with men's and boys' ready-to-wear jackets, blazers, trousers and lounge and casual suits, including school wear.

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German jobless total jumps

Unemployment in West Germany jumped by 127,600 last month to reach a 20-year peak of 1.35 million.

According to figures from the Federal Labour Office 5.9 per cent of the working population was unemployed at the end of January, against 5.3 per cent at the end of December.

How the markets moved

The Times index: 169.99—0.96
The FT index: 410.0—4.4

Rises

Anglo Am Corp	5p to 337p	Mears Bros	5p to 36p
Century Secs	2½p to 11p	Peko Wallsend	10p to 530p
Felixstowe Dock	14p to 146p	Scholes GH	5p to 200p
Freemans Ldn	12p to 156p	Steetley Co	5p to 143p
Bill C Bristol	12p to 125p	Surmah Valley	3p to 19p
Johnson-Richd	8p to 253p	Triplex Found	9p to 69p
Kitchen Taylor	5p to 65p	Utd Dom Tst	2p to 28p

Falls

Barclays Bk	8p to 336p	Imp Chem Ind	3p to 383p
Costain R	8p to 215p	Lloyds Bk	10p to 263p
Decca	12p to 262p	Midland	13p to 302p
Fisons	9p to 403p	Nat W'minster	9p to 263p
Goode D&M Grp	3p to 26p	Shell	4p to 388p
Honk K & Shg	11p to 363p	Swan Hunter	6½p to 46½p
Hutchison Int	3p to 43p	Weyburn Eng	7p to 506p

Equities fell back through lack of support.
Gilt-edged securities were less active than of late.
Sterling lost 30pts to $2.0280. The "effective devaluation" rate was 30.1 per cent.

Gold fell $1 an ounce to $128.75.
SDR-$ was 1.17213 on Thursday, while SDR-£ was 0.577148.
Commodities: Reuter's index was at 1213.0 (previous 1212.9).

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THE POUND

	Bank buys	Bank sells
Australia $	1.67	1.61
Austria Sch	38.25	36.25
Belgium Fr	83.75	80.75
Canada $	2.07	2.02
Denmark Kr	12.80	12.40
Finland Mkk	8.00	7.75
France Fr	9.25	8.95
Germany Dm	5.35	5.15
Greece Dr	80.00	75.00
Hongkong $	10.40	10.00
Italy Lr	1700.00	1650.00
Japan Yn	635.00	610.00
Netherlands Gld	5.50	5.30
Norway Kr	11.50	11.15
Portugal Esc	69.00	60.00
S Africa Rd	2.28	2.05
Spain Pes	125.50	120.00
Sweden Kr	9.05	8.75
Switzerland Fr	5.35	5.15
US $	2.07	2.02
Yugoslavia Dnr	40.50	37.00

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Lira gains after Italian curbs on bank liquidity

From John Earle
Rome, Feb 5

Decisions taken to tighten payments terms for exporters, increase the ratio of commercial banks' deposits frozen with the Bank of Italy, and allow emigrant workers to open foreign currency accounts with local banks, helped strengthen the lira today.

The most immediate support for the ailing currency came from a provision that payments to exporters must be converted into lire within 15 days, instead of up to 60 days.

£50m aid plea for cotton

Draft proposals for the provision of up to £50m to stimulate investment in the cotton and allied textile industry have been lodged with the Department of Industry.

The British Textile Employers' Association has outlined the scope of an industry assistance scheme

DOWTY GROUP LIMITED

INTERIM STATEMENT—
YEAR TO 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1975

ted results of Dowty Group Limited for the September last are attached, together with ures for last year.

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.....	39,976	26,856	33,899	60,755
port	20,097	15,138	18,974	34,088
	59,073	41,978	52,873	94,851
F	6,445	4,246	5,502	9,748
.....	(10.9%)	(10.1%)	(10.4%)	(10.3%)
.....	293	46	246	292
TAX	6,152	4,200	5,256	9,456
J.K. at 52%)	3,172	1,982	2,588	4,570
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.....	1,011	959	913	1,872
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YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER, 1975

Audited results of the Lonrho Group for year ended 30 September, 1975:

	1975 £m	1974 £m	Percentage Increase
TURNOVER	**606.0**	**349.2**	**73**
PROFIT BEFORE TAX			
Group	55.3	39.7	
Associates	8.0	6.8	
	63.3	46.5	36
Taxation	(30.3)	(23.4)	
	33.0	23.1	
Minority Interests	(10.9)	(7.9)	
PROFIT BEFORE EXTRAORDINARY ITEMS	22.1	15.2	45
Extraordinary items	5.3	0.9	
TOTAL PROFIT ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS	27.4	16.1	
EARNINGS PER SHARE excluding extraordinary items	24.0p	19.3p	24

The 67th Annual General Meeting will be held at The Chartered Insurance Institute 20 Aldermanbury, EC2. 1 March 1976 at 11.30 a.m.

Lonrho Limited, London EC2V 6BL

Directors seek tax reliefs for top earners

By Malcolm Brown

Mr Healey, Chancellor of the Exchequer, has been asked by the Institute of Directors for a significant easing of the tax burden on top earners.

The plea is made in a pre-Budget letter and accompanying memorandum sent to the Chancellor by Mr Ian Hildreth, director-general of the institute.

Disclosing the contents of the letter in London yesterday Mr Hildreth said: "Our business leaders are underpaid grossly

He served notice on the Government that "in due course" the top earners would be looking for a "very great increase in earnings" to bring them into line with overseas competitors.

Mr Hildreth's letter describes the net remuneration of key business leaders as "dangerously low".

"We accept the current need for restraint on gross earnings, but maintain that the net remuneration of these key people must soon be encouraged to rise and that in the longer run the counter-productive effect of marginal rates of tax in excess of half the value of a man's contribution to society must be recognized."

The memorandum accompanying the letter say Britain's economic health will never be restored without a reduction in personal tax rates to levels which are less than confiscatory.

As a first step, the institute wants a reduction in the top rate of tax on investment income to 85 per cent; a reduction in the top rate of tax on earned income to 70 per cent, and a cut in the top tax rate on transfers to 60 per cent.

"As a longer term aim the maximum rate of income tax should be reduced to 50 per cent, the maximum rate of transfer tax to 25 per cent, and there should be an overall limit on the proportion of a taxpayer's income or capital that may be taken in taxation."

The other major area of complaint by the institute is the level of public spending.

British Airways failing to achieve full benefits of merger, MPs say

By Arthur Reed
Air Correspondent

Few of the benefits expected to arise from the merger of BEA and BOAC into British Airways have yet been realized, according to a report by the Select Committee on Nationalized Industries, published yesterday.

BA had made progress in welding the two corporations into a single airline, but they had sometimes tended to err on the side of caution. Some big economies had been introduced but other requirements had lagged behind.

Economies and improvements had been made in many aspects of marketing, but little had been achieved in route integration and operational flexibility.

Little progress had been made in the integration of engineering activities and of the Heathrow cargo facilities, although both areas had been under study by joint groups of staff and management for about a year.

The committee noted the unions' complaint that the "triplication" of management had been brought about by the merger. But they noted also BA's complaint that there was far greater duplication in the variety of unions, sectional panels and local panels with which they must negotiate.

"The streamlining of BA, so far as it has progressed, does not appear to have been matched by any comparable evolution in the negotiating machinery."

Putting people first was an admirable policy, but it was not made clear to them why people had to wait until after the merger to be put first. BA had evidently put considerable effort into improving the quality of its service, particularly within the European area through rationalization and economies made possible by the merger.

While welcoming BA's efforts in this field, the committee felt that there was an apparent contradiction between putting people first and the insistence that only overseas division passengers should use the Victoria terminal, or the closure of check-in facilities at West London.

The committee said it was unlikely that benefits or economies which their inquiry had attributed to the merger would have been achieved while maintaining the separate identities

January car production 22pc below last year

By Richard Allen

Weekly car production in January was 22 per cent down on the same period of last year, according to provisional estimates issued by the Department of Industry.

Output in the four weeks to January 24 was 98,000 units, while commercial vehicle output amounted to 27,300 units—a drop of 21 per cent on January, 1975.

The Department's seasonally adjusted figures for the month provide some evidence of a deepening decline in production levels in the industry. Car output of 103,000 units (seasonally adjusted) during the month was 3 per cent below the already depressed average monthly output in 1975.

Production of commercial vehicles at 31,500 units, seasonally adjusted, was 1 per cent down on average monthly figures last year.

The traditional New Year jump in new car registrations is reflected in the seasonally adjusted January total of 118,000, which amounts to a 40 per cent increase over the average monthly level for the last quarter of 1975.

Linwood men go back to work

By R. W. Shakespeare

Production was resumed at Chrysler's Linwood factory near Glasgow yesterday after the 4,700 workers had voted at an early morning meeting to call off their week-old unofficial strike—a dispute that threatened to bring about the collapse of the American-owned motor company's £162m rescue deal with the Government.

The strikers accepted almost unanimously a recommendation by their shop stewards to return to work immediately on the basis of settlement terms worked out in two days of meetings at the London offices of the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service.

Mr Don Lander, Chrysler's chief executive in Britain, was anxious to point out that although the cash demands of the strikers had been met, the company had won some major concessions from the union side. These include joint negotiations to start soon on a new grading and wages structure

Government defeated in shipyard help vote

By Stephen Goodwin
Parliamentary Staff

There was a minor defeat for the Government yesterday in the Commons standing committee considering the Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill.

With Conservative support, Labour backbenchers succeeded by 21 votes to eight in writing into the Bill an amendment designed to help British yards, particularly those in areas of high unemployment, with both home and export orders.

The amendment charges the Secretary of State for Industry in any general directions he may issue to take full account of the need to coordinate shipbuilding and shipping policies.

He must take account of any European shipbuilding policy adopted by the EEC and the ability of industries within British Shipbuilders to compete on equal terms with foreign competitors. Considerations relating to regional areas must also be taken into account.

Mr Fred Willey (Sunderland North, Lab) who moved the amendment, said that in his own constituency there was 14.7 per cent male unemployment. Yards on the Wear had suffered over the years from the lack of British orders.

He was supported in his call for coordination between British shipping and shipbuilding by Mr Edward Taylor (Glasgow Cathcart, C). But while Mr Taylor favoured increased coordination, he said that compulsion would result in British fleets moving their premises to other countries.

Both MPs raised the issue of unfair competition faced by British yards in the export market. Mr Willey said the Government had dodged this issue and Mr Taylor said the Government should take it up with Britain's partners in the OECD.

Mr Gerald Kaufman, Minister of State for Industry, said his department had investigated the suggestion that some kind of cheating was taking place. They had found no case in which a British shipbuilder had lost an order to a foreign competitor in breach of the OECD rules.

MP supports call for anti-dumping duty on footwear

A plea by Britain's footwear industry for anti-dumping duties to be imposed on shoes from Eastern Europe was supported yesterday by Mrs Maureen Colquhoun, Labour MP for Northampton, North.

She has asked the Price Commission to investigate the sudden rise in price of Russian shoes in a Northampton shop window from £3.50 to £6.50 a pair. Mrs Colquhoun said the shoes could be imported for as little as £1.50 a pair.

The industry has pleaded for anti-dumping duties because of the extensive short time being worked

Ironfoundries' cash warning

Financial assistance for ferrous foundries could take up almost all the £25m set aside by the Government to promote investment in the industry, Mr D. L. Farrant, director of the Council of Ironfoundry Associations, disclosed last night.

The industry wanted £300m worth of investment during the next five years, Mr Farrant told the annual dinner of the Foundry Coke Merchants' Association.

Daf Trucks may request government aid

By Clifford Webb

Amsterdam's commercial vehicle show opened yesterday against a background of reports that Daf Trucks, Holland's only commercial vehicle manufacturer may be forced to aply for government aid.

These reports are being fuelled by Daf's sales tactics. The company has been selling at discounts of up to 45 per cent, which even in Holland's intensely competive market is regarded as desperation.

Daf's problems have been intensified by the cancellation of large contracts for the Middle East and Indonesia. Three months ago Daf asked the Dutch Government for help, and although The Hague agreed in principle, nothing has been paid.

The issue is somewhat clouded because of the presence of a third party in the negotiations, International Harvester, which is one of America's biggest truck and tractor producers. IH have a one-third interest in Daf Trucks.

Daf's car operations were bought two years ago by Volvo and have been successfully integrated into the Swedish company's export network. Harvester is reported to have tried to sell Daf Trucks to the Swedes, and Ford and General Motors, among others. It has eyed the European truck market for years, and two years ago acquired the British producer, Seddon-Atkinson.

Free imports plea by can makers

An application for temporary exemption from import duty of certain classes of tinplate has been put before the Department of Trade. The application, made by the Tin Box Manufacturers' Association, follows last month's strike over the British Steel Corporation's labour reorganization plans, which halted the tinplate plants at Trostre and Velindre in South Wales for almost two weeks.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Employment subsidies for expanding companies

From Mr Richard Layard

Sir, Mr Connock says there is a snag in my proposal (Business News, January 28) that expanding firms should be given a subsidy proportional to their increase in employment over the previous year. He doubts whether it will in fact increase employment. For, he says, "the man remaining in Firm A thanks to the subsidy will produce goods which will presumably be sold to people who might otherwise have bought similar goods from Firm B".

This argument assumes that there is no increase in total demand. But, whatever one's framework of analysis, total output must rise. In Keynesian terms, since a subsidy is being paid that was not paid before, there *must* be an increase in total demand. In monetarist terms, contracting firms could only be hurt if there were a fall in prices relative to what they would otherwise have been. But such a fall could only come about if there were an increase in total output.

The full effects of the subsidy are analysed in a paper by Stephen Nickell and myself which is available on request. A key question of course is whether the subsidy would be inflationary. In Business News I discussed this question in terms of the subsidy's impact effect and showed under what conditions the effect on prices would be favourable. Very similar conditions apply to the final effect.

The proposal has also been criticized on the grounds that it would encourage overmanning. But overmanning mainly arises where, for one reason or another, firms keep filling jobs they already have, but which they would not now wish to create. By contrast, this proposal is aimed at the creation of new jobs. It is hard to see why a smallish subsidy should lead an employer to create an unproductive job. In fact the whole aim of the scheme is to avoid the waste of output (and of human spirit) which is involved in large-scale unemployment.

Yours faithfully,
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Graduated tax rates: a false assumption

From Mr D. R. Myddelton

Sir, On the same day that you rightly call for a reduction in "penal rates of tax on those who bear the main burden of industrial responsibility" (January 30), you print a flattering piece on Lord Radcliffe, who is partly responsible for these penal rates.

He was chairman of the Royal Commission on the Taxation of Profits and Income, whose second report in 1954 said: "We are bound to assume that the present tax rates are related to a present necessity of raising a given sum of money from the direct taxation of income."

That assumption was false then, as it is now. The graduated rates of income tax—those above the basic 35 per cent rate—raise negligible revenue. Indeed, their net yield, after allowing for the wasted time and energy of some of the most productive people in the country, is almost certainly negative.

For a royal commission on taxation to fail to appreciate this elementary fact about graduated rates of tax is unforgivable.

Yours faithfully,
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Scope of local authority mortgage lending

From Mr H. Mansfield

Sir, Although I am writing from the discomfort of a hospital bed I feel that I cannot allow to pass without comment the criticisms of local authority mortgage lending made by my compatriot, Mr Leonard Williams, and as reported on page 20 of today's edition of your newspaper (January 22).

The Cardiff City Council is proud of its record of house mortgage advances, having loaned more than any local authority outside London. Some 75 per cent of our loans have been on pre-1919 houses, on which building societies will *not normally lend. Some 90* per cent of our loans have been on pre-1945 houses and, again, there have been many cases where building societies have been unwilling to lend on certain houses built between the wars, preferring to concentrate on modern postwar houses.

We have also loaned on flats, which many building societies will not touch, and have always been willing to lend to single women, even before the Sex Discrimination legislation, and to other classes of borrower whom the societies have tended to avoid. We have also willingly encouraged loans for house improvements, a field into which the societies have until recently been reluctant to venture.

Nor can it be said that local authority house mortgage schemes are subsidized from rates or government grants, apart from the option mortgage scheme which is common to authorities and societies. Indeed, we are forbidden to operate our schemes at a deficit, nor do local authorities benefit from the cheap government loans or concessional equated tax rates allowed to building societies.

Local authorities, as housing authorities, are required to operate a comprehensive housing policy, which involves not only building council houses for letting but also providing facilities for owner-occupation. When did a building society last build a house for letting or add in any way to the country's housing stock?

Yours faithfully,
H. MANSFIELD,
Chief Executive,
Cardiff City Council.

Natsopa and the EEC

From Mr Owen O'Brien

Sir, I refer to the paragraph "Reverse head" in Business Diary (February 2).

This society, as you rightly say, played an active part in the campaign against British membership of the EEC, but as democrats we accept the decision of the British people which was given loud and clear.

Now that we are members of the Community and paying our contributions into its funds, it seems to me reasonable to expect that we are entitled to apply for any benefits that accrue.

Funny what a twist journalists such as your columnist will put on a genuine desire to play a part in an institution of which we are now part, and in so doing endeavour to keep people like him in employment.

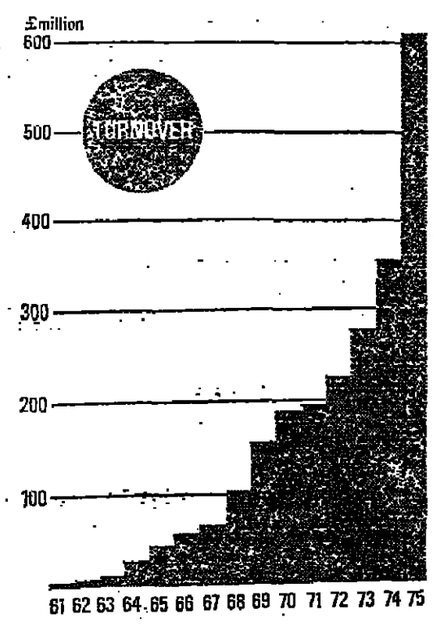
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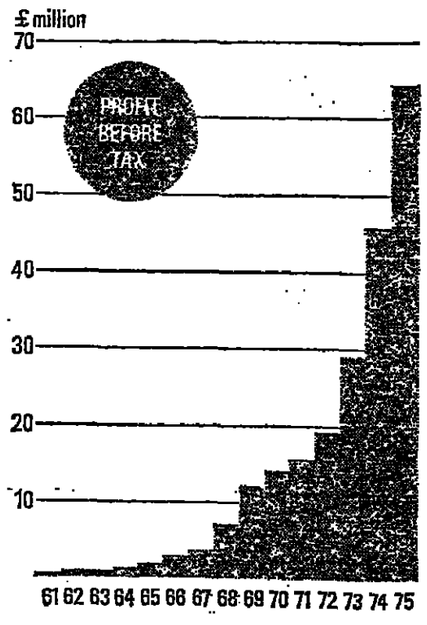
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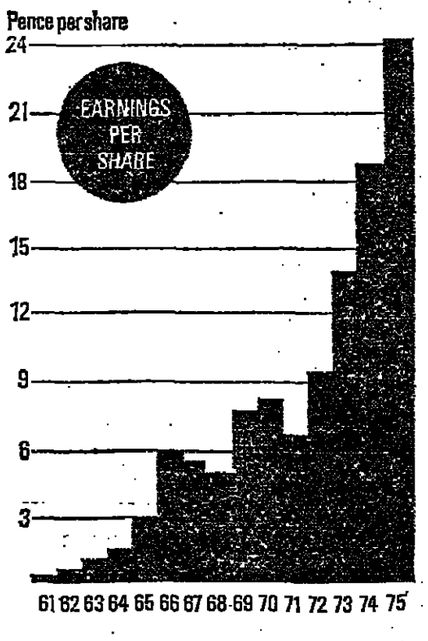
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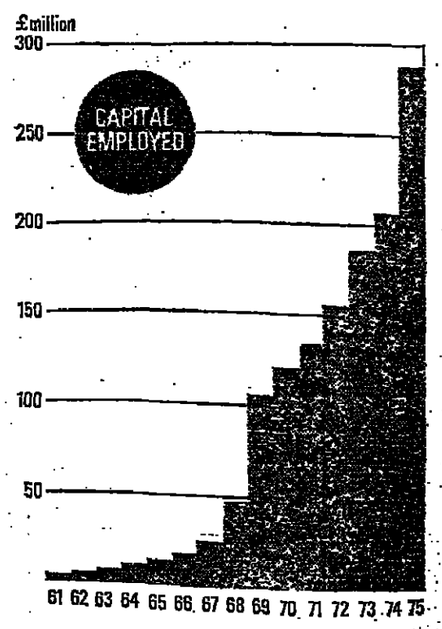
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Profit before taxation	63·31	46·48	29·37	19·30	15·09	14·61	12·81	6·79	3·60	3·06	1·82	1·03	·50	·41	·16
Profit after taxation, minorities and excluding extraordinary items	22·06	15·22	11·19	6·46	4·24	5·64	4·02	2·06	1·45	1·22	·60	·26	·24	·19	·11
Cost of dividend	3·86 (net)	2·77 (net)	2·27 (net)	2·43	1·38	3·13	2·48	1·42	·81	·38	·19	·16	·16	·13	·08
Fixed assets	166·24	137·34	127·66	122·07	118·18	97·05	87·28	43·98	19·11	14·31	10·70	7·14	2·18	1·33	1·07
Net current assets and investments	112·41	64·92	53·41	28·49	13·52	20·69	17·93	5·99	·82	1·53	2·47	3·15	1·80	1·88	1·43
Total capital employed	278·65	202·26	181·07	150·56	131·70	117·74	105·21	49·97	19·93	15·84	13·17	10·29	3·98	3·21	2·50
Total equity interest	172·38	106·84	93·18	75·65	59·79	61·10	55·71	20·73	6·49	5·74	4·83	3·66	3·00	2·60	2·16
Earnings per share	24·02p	19·35p	14·25p	9·35p	6·91p	8·78p	8·01p	4·77p	5·10p	5·82p	2·86p	1·21p	1·14p	1·10p	·57p

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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

The recession catches up with Decca



Mr Keith Wickenden, chairman of European Ferries: an offer on the table for Felixstowe Dock.

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the chairman is unable to improve now, less than a month from the year-end—is around 10. However formidable Dixons' conception of its longer-term role, it may be some time before the benefits start to come.

Short-term there will be, to be sure, benefits to come from the increased use of Dixons' photographic processing facilities: but these are likely to be small in scale. The scale of the longer-term benefits is suggested by margin comparisons, with Dixons' pre-tax performance last year well-nigh double that of Weston despite a sharp recovery in the latter's profits in the second half: the momentum does not appear to have been sustained into the first half of this year, when pre-tax profits were only £14,600 ahead at £821,000. The acquisition will leave Dixons with some 350 retail outlets in the United Kingdom, and another 60-odd in the Low Countries, giving the company significant status as a specialist retailer.

—which is why European is still able to make a bid—would also have advantages, particularly if the Bill is further delayed beyond the suggested deadline of August.

Meanwhile, Felixstowe's interim figures show pre-tax profits marginally ahead at £219,00 on a turnover 22 per cent higher at £4.2m.

Interim: 1975-76 (1974-75)
Capitalization £5.1m
Turnover £4.2m (£3.4m)
Pre-tax profits
£219,000 (£209,000)
Dividend gross Nil (3.16p)

Dixons/Weston

Cut and dried?

Notwithstanding the vague talk in the market of another interested party—Guinness is the most popular idea—the Dixons Photographic bid for Weston Pharmaceuticals is not contested—yet.

So, with the 44 per cent stake held by the liquidator of London & County Securities and another 8 per cent held by Eagle Star already committed to Dixons, the affair appears to be cut and dried.

But there is no harm in investors postponing acceptance for a while unless they are going for the cash alternative (worth 60p a share as against a share alternative worth almost 83p with the Dixons' ordinary at 79p last night); and even then their acceptances do not have to be in until February 25.

Tax position permitting, the share alternative is obviously the one to go for. Granted, investors accepting the 21-for-20 share alternative will, on Dixons' forecast dividend, have to take a small cut (10p per 100 shares) in their gross annual income; but then accepting shareholders are in any case likely to be moving out of Dixons very briskly once the bid has gone through.

For great though the potential benefits of this acquisition undoubtedly are (Dixons will channel its photographic and electrical equipment through Weston's 200-odd retail outlets, and the group's purchasing power will be stepped up), they are in Dixons' share price already.

The prospective yield is under 4 per cent, and the prospective p/e ratio—assuming Weston achieves the "satisfactory" profits forecast repeated from the interim stage, upon which

Inflation

Arguments from NEDO

NEDO's latest foray into the intellectual minefield of inflation accounting will almost certainly provoke retorts from the monetary liabilities lobby that, by excluding these adjustments, NEDO has told only half the story.

Be that as it may, NEDO has now shown in two separate reports based on a wealth of statistical evidence that, not only has industrial investment in Britain been substantially lower than in other industrialized nations in recent years but also that the problem is most acute in the all-important manufacturing sector.

Adjustments to trading stocks, fixed assets and depreciation do show a very different profitability picture from that produced by historic cost accounting for most manufacturing sectors and particularly for electrical engineering, vehicles, textiles, general engineering metal manufacture and food.

Payments of interest, tax and dividends after these adjustments reduces retention to negligible proportions or eliminates them altogether according to sector.

So far so good, but then NEDO argues that declining retentions have meant need for more outside finance and therefore increased gearing. The monetary liabilities school takes a diametrically opposed view arguing that the erosion of these liabilities through inflation in fact *reduces* effective gearing.

The intellectual point may be conceded here but last year's spate of rights issues produced abundant evidence that companies were employing equity rather than debt to repair the ravages of inflation.

Whether they will attempt to gear up to meet the effects of reflation on working capital needs and capital investment presumably depends as much on the bankers' as on the industrialists' willingness to accept the monetary liabilities argument.

The fact that Sandilands as well as NEDO ignores this argument hardly points to such a changed philosophy gaining universal acceptance. What NEDO really seems to be saying then is that institutions such as the Equity Bank if not the NEB may be the only way out of the inflation trap.

Throughout the world, nations are grappling with the problems of new energy policies. Business News writers examine the position in two countries

Britain: King Coal demands higher tribute

When he gets a chance, Mr Anthony Wedgwood Benn, our Secretary of State for Energy, likes to sit by an open fire at his home in Holland Park, London, sipping a large mug of tea and reading his official papers. His blazing grate is symbolic, an indication of sympathy with the miners.

More vital, however, are the papers, for they tell him that nearly 31 million tons of coal, worth around £500m, are at present stocked around Britain and the Government's grand *Plan For Coal*, conceived last year, is at risk.

In exactly 14 days' time the biggest customer for that coal, Sir Arthur Hawkins, chairman of the Central Electricity Generating Board, speaking for the power supply industry, will, in polite but steely tones, tell the National Coal Board, leaders of the National Union of Mineworkers and Mr Benn why that ambitious plan is now at risk.

The CEGB has been informally warned by Sir Derek Ezra, the NCB's worried chairman, to expect a 15 per cent rise in piithead coal prices in March. It would add about £150m to the generating board's fuel bill, taking this up to an astonishing £1,600m in the coming financial year, and inevitably pushing up electricity tariffs, curbing power demand further and damaging coal's competitiveness against oil in its most crucial market.

Yesterday, Sir Derek was doing his sums, now the miners have decided to accept £6 a week, and a statement cannot be long delayed.

In the next fortnight, the issue of coal prices will dominate preparations within the fuel industry and the Department of Energy for the first ever round table conference on future energy policy, intended to bring trade unions face to face with state fuel chiefs. Both the NCB and the power supply industry are in a seemingly irreconcilable dilemma.

The fact is that the coal board is driving its workforce towards ambitious production targets. But, as stocks of unsold coal continue to mount, morale is beginning to suffer and finances are once again going awry.

A Bill has just been rushed through Parliament to extend the Government's power to finance stockpiling, but what is little known is that the coal board has broken through its borrowing ceiling in the meantime, requiring the Treasury to come forward with up to £75m of temporary support from the Contingencies Fund.

It is an ominous start to the grand new design for a modernized coal industry, which has to find £1,400m for new investment in the next 10 years to provide 42 million tons of new capacity and hopes to raise annual output to at least 135 million tons. For the coal board to choose this moment to propose a substantial rise in prices, that makes oil (now in surplus supply) once again competitive, can only cast grave doubts on the realism of the master plan.

In its desperation, the coal board is proposing that the CEGB should burn an extra 11 million tons of coal in the two years from next month, relieving the balance of payments of oil worth £250m. It has named various power stations that could use more solid fuel, with the aim of meeting an output target of 120 million tons this coming year (the present level is 113.5 million tons).

The generating board is perplexed that such a proposal can be made when, after doing its bit by burning more coal these months past, the coal suppliers want to put up the cost of the fuel and make a higher oil burn more likely. Power stations operate on a statutory economic order of merit, based on fuel costs—and this requirement is all the more critical when electricity demand is actually falling because consumers resist dearer tariffs.

No one can accuse the CEGB of not helping the miners. The facts are that in the year ended next month, it will have burned nearly 67 million tons of coal, well up on the previous 12 months in spite of a 6 per cent fall in electricity demand. Usage of heavy fuel oil has been savagely reduced from 21 million tons coal equivalent to under 14 million tce, with little room for further cuts even if coal prices were pegged.

But until there is a return to a growth in demand, the electricity supply industry sees it as financial suicide to burn even more coal. Its own finances are still in a sorry state, requiring yet more tariff adjustments whether there is a coal increase or not. The Government is insisting, after the huge revenue subsidies of recent years, on economic pricing and a return to balanced book-keeping.

Electricity suppliers also have to sustain a vast capital programme, paying huge interest on borrowings. It is a measure of inflation that over the past 24 months these borrowings have soared by a staggering £772m while the average annual growth in power demand of over 6 per cent has reversed to a fall of similar proportions. In England and Wales, apart from the steam generated heavy water reactor nuclear project, there can be no new oil or coal-fired station orders before 1980.

Coal can only be helped, it seems, by a recovery in electricity demand. The miners feel a pick-up in economic activity is being left out of power station figuring and electricity consumers may now be over the full shock of higher prices, even if there is more to come this spring. They also question why nearly 4 million tons of steam coal have been imported in 1975 at an average £18.65 per ton when domestically produced power station coals are presently priced at £14.56 a ton.

What is clear is that the electricity industry now seems set for a head on collision with the coal board when each does want to help the other. No one wants a public row, it must be stressed. Mr Benn's duty is to arbitrate fairly and responsibly. He says he favours the miners, yet there has been hardship in power supply (nearly 5,000 staff of the CEGB are affected by the bringing forward of the retirement of generating plant spread over 47 power stations, mostly coal fired).

The way out of the dilemma, as always, is for government to step forward to finance a level of stockpiling acceptable to both sides that bridges the gap between now and a strong resumption of power demand. This avoids cuts in spring and summer coal output threatened by the unusual situation of high stocks at the end of the winter period.

At the same time, it gives the Government a chance to review further longer term prospects free of short-term squabbling. Although it has little power to interfere in European-controlled pricing matters, the Government should ensure any new coal price rises are acceptable to the biggest customer.

It is a nonsense for the Coal Board itself to finance, as it is presently, a rising mountain of unwanted fuel based on its own hopes for immediate consumption and with money it cannot afford. Thermal efficiency and costs are about competitiveness between oil, coal, and gas—and the price of electricity is critical to industrial competitiveness and the national interest when economic recovery gains pace.

Agreed levels of stocks of coal will help hold back oil imports as North Sea resources are developed and will suit the CEGB's books when demand improves. That is why Sir Derek Ezra and the Coal Board must price their product for sale or stock with great care in the coming months. To force Mr Hawkins to turn up the oil taps helps no one, least of all the miners who are promised so much in *Plan For Coal*.

Maurice Corina
Industrial Editor

Italy: exercising the nuclear option

"Clearly, Italy has no other option than an ambitious nuclear programme if a significant reduction is to be attained in her dependence on imported energy."

This comment by an ad hoc group of the International Energy Agency last autumn was part of a qualified welcome to an ambitious national energy plan proposed by the Italian Government.

Approved in principle by the Ministerial Committee on Economic Planning on December 23, shortly before the Government collapsed, Italy's energy plan is likely to go ahead whatever the outcome of the present political confusion. Most main parties appear to be agreed on the urgency of the problem, though the Socialists have given warning that the plan as it stands could absorb too many resources.

Italy is more dependent on imported oil than is any other European country; in a drastic attempt to cut this dependence a massive mainstream nuclear programme is being backed by a drive to wring the most out of alternative energy sources.

Conventional thermal power stations (oil, gas and coal-fired) accounted for 66.7 per cent of Italy's electricity output in 1975. Hydro-electric power represented 29 per cent, nuclear 2.6 per cent and geothermal sources 1.7 per cent. (Though small as a proportion of the total, Italy's geothermal energy is roughly equivalent to that of the rest of the world.)

First phase of the plan includes the construction of 20 nuclear power stations, each of about 1,000 megawatts, by 1985. Electricity demand by then is expected to have doubled, with nuclear power providing about 40 per cent of the total.

That, at least, is the estimate of Italy's National Electricity Board (ENEL). It is based on forecasts of economic growth and growth of electricity demand which are not accepted by Italian industry.

Professor Arnaldo Angelini, ENEL chairman, defended his estimates at a national conference on the plan in Perugia recently. History showed that electricity consumption *did* double every 10 years, he said, despite previous crises such as the First World War, the 1929-32 Depression and the Second World War. And it was easier to slow down a nuclear programme than to speed it up.

American-designed light-water reactors (LWRs), to be built under licence in Italy, have been chosen for the 20 new stations. Four have been ordered so far: two pressurized water reactors (PWRs) intended for the Molise region and two boiling water reactors (BWRs) for Latium, north of Rome.

ENEL intends to order the nuclear part of eight more stations this year, followed by the remaining eight next year. These also are likely to be shared between PWR and BWR designs.

Italy's nuclear expertise to date includes three smaller stations which have been operating since 1963-64 (including a British Magnox station at Latina). An 864-megawatt BWR station is now approaching completion at Caorso, on the Po River near Milan.

The main problems in implementing ENEL's big nuclear programme will be economic and environmental ones, rather than problems of technology (though the resources of the industry will be strained to the limit if the plan goes ahead on schedule).

An increase in ENEL's capital has been approved; and more funds will be raised by increasing electricity tariffs in steps over the next five years. But substantial recourse to borrowing, both in Italy and abroad, will also be needed to finance the scheme.

The IEA group "felt unable to judge whether the scale of public investment called for in the Italian plan would be adequate or attainable".

On the environmental side, the electricity board has not been able to give the go-ahead for site work on the first four stations already ordered, because local objections have delayed a final decision on the site. This is symptomatic of a general resentment in many areas at having nuclear power stations thrust upon them when there are more pressing local needs.

Each year's delay in commissioning these four stations, Professor Angelini points out, will mean spending something like an extra 350,000m lire (about £225m) on imported oil.

In parallel with the nuclear programme, the board is striving to make the most of Italy's hydroelectric resources. These already contribute substantially to electricity generation; now the aim is to provide still more pumped-storage capacity.

Exploitation of the country's indigenous oil and gas reserves has also been intensified. New technology in seismic surveying has enabled fields to be detected at greater depths, and deep drilling down to 6,000 metres is now under way in the Malossa area near Milan. High pressures and temperatures make this a difficult and expensive process.

Italy leads the world in the production of geothermal energy, tapping steam from fields in the classic Lardarello basin in Tuscany and other areas. This has provided a source of energy, mainly for electricity generation, for many years.

Now a research programme is under way to find new areas where hot-dry rocks underground might lead to new geothermal sources. This is one of several lines of energy research mounted by Italy's National Research Council (CNR).

Another is the harnessing of solar energy, both to supply heat in new buildings and for conversion into electricity. A CNR solar-energy station at St Ilario, near Genoa, combines a simple clockwork sun-following mechanism for its array of mirrors with a highly efficient boiler which uses the heat to produce high-pressure steam at 600°C.

To generate electricity from this source would be uneconomic at present. But larger, more efficient units are planned, and one is to be supplied by Italian industry to the United States Energy Research and Development Administration.

As well as the main nuclear programme and the search for alternative sources, Italy's national energy plan includes the conservation of hydrocarbon resources and a streamlining of the government/industry structure to tackle the various elements of the plan.

For the future, the research programmes of the National Nuclear Energy Committee (CNEN) include the development of fast reactors, both nationally and in cooperation with France and Germany.

Kenneth Owen
Technology Correspondent

The Winterbottom Trust Ltd.

Summary of Results	1975	1974
Total Net Assets at Market Value	£12,297,106	£7,942,961
Ordinary Shares:		
Asset Value	202½p	104½p
Earnings	3.75p	3.92p
Dividend	3.50p	3.325p
Geographical Distribution of Investments	%	%
Equities: United Kingdom	32.0	27.8
United States	36.5	40.1
Japan	6.5	3.8
Europe	2.0	3.5
Australia	3.9	2.9
Other Countries	4.4	2.7
Total Equities	85.3	80.8
Fixed Interest	14.7	19.2

Summary of Statement by the Chairman, Mr. S. A. Field.

● Lower rates of interest on deposits and higher tax rates, together with the repayment of a foreign loan which reduced both gross income and interest paid, resulted in earnings being down from 3.92p to 3.75p. An increase in the total dividend from 3.325p to 3.50p is recommended.

● As a result of substantial recoveries in share prices, the asset value per share increased from 104½p to 202½p.

● There have been some hopeful signs that the rate of inflation in the U.K. is slowing down and that the recession is no longer becoming worse.

● British industry nevertheless faces major problems of cost increases and profitability. In view of the doubts about U.K. equities and the high reverse yield gap, we have taken advantage of higher equity prices to switch a small proportion of U.K. equity funds into British Government Stocks.

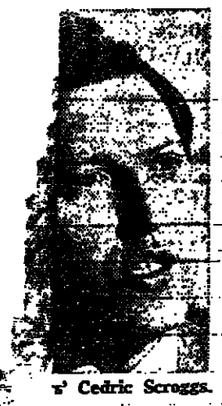
● In the United States and some other countries the greater success in combating the twin evils of inflation and recession has made the investment outlook correspondingly brighter. At the balance sheet date 54% of the assets were invested abroad, including 37½% in the United States. 32% was invested in U.K. equities.

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"Cadbury - Schweppes are market leaders in the most market-orientated industry in Europe and Cedric Scroggs is well equipped to make a big impact on the marketing of our cars."

Another senior appointment soon to be announced is that of Bob Berry, 45, as sales operations director at Leyland Cars. Berry is well known in the car world. He is a former racing driver and was the head of public relations at Jaguar until a few years ago.

Like his new boss, Keith Hopkins, director of sales and marketing, he made the switch from PR before British Leyland was reconstituted with state finance. Until recently he was a regional sales manager based at Bristol.

Digging around

While the next move in the game of musical chairs that has gripped the City mining finance scene is expected to come from Rio Tinto-Zinc, it now looks as if they could be pipped by Charter Consolidated.

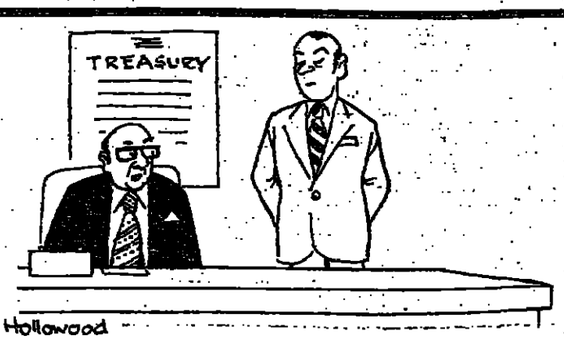
The game began in the summer at Selection Trust when John Du Cane, a board member since 1966, took over as managing director from Edward Wharton-Tigar, who agreed to step down after 11 years in the chair and two years past retiring age.

Earlier this month Donald McCall declared that he would retire as chairman and managing director of Consolidated Gold Fields at the end of June, with Lord Erroll of Hale becoming chairman and Gerald Mortimer managing director.

Only Charter Consolidated—which has not had the happiest of track records recently—has so far remained untouched by change. Sidney Spiro became managing director and deputy chairman in 1969, and chairman in 1971. Now 61, he is over the company's normal retiring age and there is talk, particularly in South Africa, that he will resign as chairman about the middle of the year and return to that country.

Spiro's annual statement to shareholders last June is now being seen by some as a swan song in the Lord Kearton mould. When Lord Kearton announced his departure from Courtaulds he said that the company had been through a hard patch, but had reorganized and was now fit to be handed to his successor.

Spiro was speaking after tying up her voluntary price restraint package Business Diary today suggests a substantial candidate for inclusion in her "no more than 5 per cent" brigade.



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"As to 1979-80 we're rather counting on Jack Jones coming up with another wizard idea."

Charter's costly withdrawal from the Mauritania Somima copper venture. Unfortunately, the Tenke-Fungurume copper project in Zaire subsequently turned sour, leaving Charter with a possible £23.5m bill, while Cleveland Potash, the joint venture with ICI in Yorkshire, looks increasingly doubtful as a profit maker.

Front runner to succeed Spiro would seem to be Murray Hofmeyr, who took over Spiro's function as managing director in 1972. Hofmeyr, a South African, was brought in to strengthen the management team and, were he to take over, further organizational changes could follow.

Braking rates

Mindful of the tough time Shirley Williams, the Secretary for Prices and Consumer Protection, has been having in

Oddly enough, nobody at DPCP seems to have bothered roping in the road hauliers who, for instance, account for about a third of the cost of each pint of milk delivered.

The Road Haulage Association (RHA) reckon they might be able to keep haulage rates rises largely within the 5 per cent during the six months of the Government's restraint scheme.

But they say they have had no approach so far from the department. Nor has the Government's own National Freight Corporation, representing a tenth of the haulage industry and an RHA member.

The RHA say that if they were asked to go in with the scheme there would be a question of some provisos. For example, a sharp increase in diesel engine fuel costs last autumn added about 3 per cent to overall haulage costs and some operators might still not have restructured contracts to take account of this.

Road haulage's effect on the overall costings of other industries varies a lot—in food the figure is probably between 10 and 15 per cent but in construction supplies like stone can be well over 90 per cent.

We know the insurance industry has its problems but the latest cri-de-coeur is unnerving. A paper is being submitted to the Institute of Actuaries later this month plaintively entitled: "The Non-Mortality of Annuitants."

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THOMSON NORTH SEA FINANCE LIMITED

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Thomson North Sea Limited and Thomson North Sea Finance Limited were advised in the negotiations leading to the arrangement of these facilities by

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FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Smith Inds in £4m deal

In an agreed deal, Smiths Industries is to pay over £4m for a privately owned Scottish company, George MacLellan, which makes rubber and plastic products. The MacLellan board, which holds 55 per cent of the equity, has agreed to accept the offer from Smiths, (flight control equipment, watches and clocks).

Shareholders of MacLellan are being offered 151 Smiths shares for every 200 in MacLellan. Mr Robin MacLellan, the chairman, is also head of the Scottish Tourist Board. There is a provision for shareholders to take 136p cash a share on up to half the Smiths shares that they would otherwise be entitled to.

Net assets of MacLellan for the year to October 4 were £2.43m, taking land and buildings at book value. Net profits before tax for the same year were £993,000 on sales of £5.6m.

The Flexible Ducting subsidiary will complement Smiths' existing specialist tubing business.

The Felixstowe Dock & Railway Company

INTERIM RESULTS

Unaudited Results for the Company for the first 24 weeks of the year ending 30th June 1976

First 24 weeks of year ended 30.6.1975			First 24 weeks of year ending 30.6.1976
£			£
3,422,000	Turnover		4,189,000
886,000	Profit before items charged below		1,009,000
272,000	Depreciation, Maintenance and Dredging Provisions	331,000	
405,000	Interest	459,000	
677,000			790,000
209,000	Profit before Tax		219,000
109,000	U.K. Tax @ 52%		114,000
£100,000			£105,000
tonnes			tonnes
1,841,000	Tonnage handled		1,863,557
2.86p	Earnings per Stock Unit		3.00p

The Felixstowe Tank Developments Limited ceased to be a subsidiary company in September 1975. The company's remaining interest in Felixstowe Tank Developments Limited has not been consolidated in the figures shown above. The figures for last year therefore have been recalculated for purposes of comparison.

The profit before tax for the first 24 weeks of the year ending 30th June 1976 amounted to £219,000 compared with £209,000 for the corresponding period in the previous year.

Turnover increased by 22.4% from £3,422,000 to £4,189,000 and tonnage handled by the Port increased marginally from 1,841,000 tonnes to 1,863,557 tonnes.

Profit before depreciation, maintenance and dredging provisions and interest charges was 13.9% higher than in the previous year.

Costs of dredging continue to rise and the Directors have considered it prudent to increase the provision for dredging in this period by £46,000. The major maintenance provision remains as last year and is considered adequate. There is an increase of approximately 10% in depreciation.

On 30th October 1975, by a circular letter, all stockholders were informed of a conditional cash offer by British Transport Docks Board to acquire all the issued ordinary stock in the company. The terms of that offer and the price of 150p in cash per ordinary stock unit included all dividends paid or declared save only for the final dividend in respect of the year ended 30th June 1975.

Approval of the proposal made by British Transport Docks Board was duly given at an extraordinary meeting of the company held on 21st November 1975 and a Bill entitled "British Transport Docks (Felixstowe) Bill" has been deposited in Parliament by BTDB.

In accordance with terms provided in this Bill no interim dividend is declared.

Extraordinary expenses are being incurred in connection with the offer from British Transport Docks Board to acquire all the issued ordinary stock in the company. The Directors estimate that a sum of approximately £50,000 will need to be charged in the final account for the year 1975/76.

Triplex Foundries wants cash for key investment

The announcement of higher capital spending over the next five years and a £764,500 fund raising operation from Triplex Foundries, the west Midland engineering and foundry concern, sent up the group's shares yesterday. The 1.9 million ordinary share rights issue goes out on a three-for-10 basis at 42p a share.

Mr R. Harrison, chairman, says the money is needed to expand the engineering and other companies. After a first half year in which profits rose 16 per cent to £677,000, Mr Harrison forecasts that profits for the year to March 31 will beat last year's £1.34m.

At the interim stage he warned shareholders that the group was in for a tough second half and tighter margins were preventing it from accumulating enough cash to finance investment. The capital spending will, among other things, make the group more eligible for the Government's ferrous foundry grant scheme. Spending in the previous five years was £3.5m.

The shares in the underwritten issue, will rank for this year's final payment. The board has already received Treasury permission to pay a final of 3.53p gross, lifting the year's total by 39 per cent to 5.80p.

Jefferson Smurfit gets control of Time Ind

Jefferson Smurfit, the Dublin-based packaging manufacturer, has bought a further 32,000 shares of Time Industries, the Chicago-based paper to plastics group. This brings Jefferson's holding in Time to 51 per cent. Time will now have its accounts consolidated in Jefferson's group figures.

Continental Can of America, which owns 21.7 per cent of Jefferson, reports slightly lower earnings for 1975. Net income fell from $111m (£55m) to $107m, but sales rose a bit to $3,102m from $3.087m.

FNFC now holds 100pc of Three Stars

The purchase of the outstanding 20 per cent minority holding in Three Stars Industrial Properties from Mr J. A. Taylor and associates means that Three Stars becomes a wholly-owned offshoot of First National Finance Corporation. Of the £210,000 price £20,000 has been paid in cash and the rest by the transfer to Hystarian Investments (controlled by Mr Taylor) of a freehold property in Manchester. The property for the purposes of the deal was valued mutually at £310,000. The £120,000 excess is to be repaid to FNFC after two years.

Kubota issue at $75m

Japan's largest manufacturer of agricultural machinery, Kubota, has raised the amount of its 6¾ per cent convertible debenture issue 1991 from $50m to $75m (£37m). The issue is being made in the United States, Europe and the Middle East and goes up in response to strong demand in the United States and Europe. The placing is being managed by Smith Barney, Harris Upham, and Nikko Securities International. The debentures are priced at 100 per cent plus accrued interest, and are convertible into Kubota common stock or registered American or bearer European depositary receipts at 359 yen a share or $23.7 a depositary receipt.

Ladies Pride gets going

Celebrating with a one-for-five scrip issue, Ladies Pride Outerwear recovered last year from its 1974 setback to make record profits.

Down from £609,000 to £439,000 in 1974, pre-tax profits leapt 76 per cent to £769,000 on sales of £4.29m against £4.14m. The recovery reflects the closure a year ago of its fully fashioned knitwear subsidiary. This helped earnings and strengthened liquidity.

Good news for the present year is that all factories have full order books.

Earnings a share in the 12 months improved from 6.4p to 11.55p, and the total payout goes up from 3.73p gross to 4.08p. The shares hardened on the news.

Benn Bros keep it up after a fast sprint

The margins of Benn Brothers took a pounding in 1974-75 and the profits plummeted from £513,000 to £235,000. Now the publishers, in splendid contrast, reports a recovery in the first half year to December 31.

On a turnover up from £2.58m to £3.16m, pre-tax profits soared 89 per cent to £197,000 despite an exceptional first-time payment to the pension fund of £41,000. Earnings a share were, after the items, 1.4p against 0.71p. The half-time payment rises from 0.65p gross to 0.77p.

Lonhro restates its results

Lonrho, the UK-based overseas trading company, has restated its preliminary results in the annual accounts, to show an additional £1.31m increase in pre-tax profits to £63.31m, a rise of £16.83m on the previous year.

Below the line, extraordinary items provide a further £5.37m currency gains, more than wiping out any debits, to leave attributable profit 70 per cent ahead at £27.43m compared with £16.11m.

The motor sector has now become the most profitable side of the business, chipping in £19.38m pre-tax, following considerable growth in West Africa and, to a certain extent, East Africa. Agriculture has again increased in importance, while mining, suffering from a year of poor prices and rising costs, saw profits drop by more than a third.

Stock markets

Rally peters out but lots of situation

Without fresh support the London stock market was not able to reproduce Wednesday's form in spite of a brave attempt at the start of trading.

But the session was not without interest as a number of unusual situations threw up features. Pride of place must go to European Ferries which announced its intention to bid for Felixstowe Dock even though that thriving east coast port is scheduled for nationalization.

Leading industrial shares were weak, particularly Fisons, off 9p to 403p and Decca "A" which slumped 12p to 252p after a warning of a shortfall in profits for the full year offset interim results much in line with expectations.

Swan Hunter continued to be concerned about Maritime Fruit Carriers and dipped 6½p to 46½p.

From noon onwards the *FT* Index went into decline and by the close had shed 4.4 to 410.0, its low point of the day.

Gripperrods lost 3p to 75p, but next week brings the profits statement for the six months to last October. This will be good, showing earnings up by possibly one third and the shares look fair even without vague talk of a deal with another company, or a bid.

At the close of trading European Ferries had shaded half a point to 77p but the dock company's shares were an impressive 14p to the good at 146p.

Typical of the fortunes of the "blue chips" were Unilever, 456p, Beecham 353p and Glaxo 383p, all down by four points, while ICI contained its decline to 3p, at 383p.

There were some heavy losses among the clearing banks which continue to be a weak pitch ahead of the results season and in the wake of lower interest rates.

The worst hit was Midland which shed no less than 13p to 302p, but Lloyds 10p to 263p, National Westminster 9p to 263p and Barclays 8p to 336p were only marginally better.

Both insurances and properties had a weaker day, though in the latter case some low-priced stocks showed a firm tendency. These included Town & Commercial, where speculation about the Spreckley stake added a penny to 12½p, Town & City, up 1½p to 21½p and Capital & Counties which closed a point better at 18½p.

A disappointing interim result had Regional "A" 3½p off to 46p. The trial period in the United States granted to Concorde made some difference to GEC, up 1p to 159p, while Hawker Siddeley also advanced, by 2p to 412p. Engineer John Brown edged higher to 77p.

International Timber shed 2p to 113p, reflecting market disappointment that the bid it was expecting has not materialized. There was some strength in toymakers on the success of the Brighton trade fair. Notable here was Lesney which put on 2p to 40p.

A rights issue and profit forecast did nothing but good for Triplex Foundries which ended the session 9p ahead to 69p while Romford Stadium were again in demand and firmed 3p to 60p.

Press comment helped television contractors, where any introduction or placing of London Weekend shares would depend, among other things, on the findings of the Annan report on broadcasting early next year.

Lack of interest hit oil shares where BP managed to hold on to 583p and Shell gave up 4p to 388p. Burmah, the centre of much interest at the moment, came back 2p to 46p.

Golds staged something of a recovery, replacing early falls with rises of up to 25p. "Johnnies" were off 75p after their interim and Pancontinental eased back £2 to £16.50.

A profits setback hit Goode Durrant and the shares were clipped back 5p to 24p, but Benn Brothers added a penny to 23p after a half-timer and good profits and a scrip helped Ladies Pride to go ahead 2p to 54p. Helical Bar was unmoved at 32p as was Arlington Motor, the commercial specialist, at 83p after reporting improved liquidity. Johnson-Richards Tiles added another 8p to 253p.

The gilt-edged market was very much less active than on other recent sessions. Short-dated stocks were still benefiting from hopes of a ¼, or even ½, point cut in the Minimum Lending Rate today.

But after going between 1/16 to an ⅛ point firmer in early dealing, this sector of the market closed with prices either unchanged on overnight levels, or just 1/16 point net up in some cases. However, the recent advance in long-dated stocks now seems to have run out of steam, particularly in the face of several predictions that the descent in United States rates may now have come to an end.

Prices in this sector lost a ¼ point in fairly early trade, and then held steady until after-hours business when further falls were experienced. At the end of trading, net ½ point losses were common.

Equity turnover on February 4 was £68.88m (16,649 bargains). Active stocks yesterday, according to Exchange Telegraph, were ICI, Ocean Transport, Barclays Bank, Town & C Properties, John Brown, B Imperial Group, Shell, Uni Dominions Trust, Midland Ba Charter Consolidated, Bowr Reyrolle Parsons, M. L. Me and Lucas.

H. P. Bulmer shares at 1 have fears of the Chance applying duty to cider in next Budget to contend w To purists it may seem un to leave cider free of duty w beer carries it, but the Ci cellar may also have ot worries besides this. In first half of the year to A April Bulmer's profits soa from £646,000 to £1.8m, an doubled profit of around £2 for the year was indicated. it now looks as if £2.6m or m would be a better bet.

Amid a flurry of unspec bid rumours, mail order sha were back in favour with Fi mans 156p and Empire Sto 94p closing 12p and 5p bet A. Freemans spokesman said easing of inflation would be particular long-term ben though the immediate am tions were less apparent.

Any prospective takeo would probably run i monopolies problems, is marker opinion.

Latest dividends

Company (and par values)	Ord div	Year ago	Pay date	Year's total	Prev Year
Benn Brothers (25p) Int	0.5	0.44	7/4	—	1.61
Decca (25p) Int	2.7	2.1	30/4	—	8.67
Felixstowe Dock (£1) Int	Nil	2.34	—	—	2.5
Goode Durrant (5p)	0.78	0.78	29/3	0.78	0.78
Helical Bar (25p) Int	1	1	1/4	—	1.71
Hill & Smith (25p) Fin	2.6	2.36	—	4.0	3.63
Kinta Kellas Rbr (25p) Int	0.48	0.45	2/4	—	1.44
Ladies Pride (20p) Fin	1.82	1.7	7/4	2.72	2.5
Malaysia Rubber (10p) Int	0.17	0.16	2/4	—	0.74
Mann & Overton (25p) Fin	2.17	2.04	2/4	3.11	2.92
Morgan Edwards (10p) Int	1.08	0.52	2/4	—	2.39
Sterling Trust (25p) Fin	2.7	2.45	8/4	4.1	3.85
Regional Props (25p) Int	Nil	0.67	—	—	0.99
Triplex (25p) Fin	2.49	2.38	—	3.77	2.74
Whatlings (5p) Fin	0.27	0.24	12/4	0.44	0.41

Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross, multiply the net dividend by 1.54.

Regional retrenches; Woodmill bank talks

By Terry Byland

Preliminary results from Regional Properties for the half-year to September 30 last year show a big rise in rents and other income, after expenses. But after a fall in the interest allowance applicable to development properties, the group reports a loss of £246,000 against a profit of £148,000 for the comparable period.

Consideration of an interim dividend is postponed until the full year's figures are known. In 1974, payments totalled 0.995p a share, with shareholders taking a part of the interim as a scrip issue.

Rental and other income rose from £396,000 to £1.04m. Interest payable was little changed at £1.66m but the net interest charge went up from £88,000 to £1.29m after a reduction of four fifths in the charge applicable to development properties, at £371,000.

The board, which includes Mr N. Conrad as chief executive and Mr V. Lucas, president of the British Property Federation, has decided to sell the "component parts" of certain sites and to defer the development of others, in view of existing and anticipated "difficulties" in development. The resulting accounting change has brought increased charges against investment income.

Shareholders are to receive an interim report on or about February 12. The company's shares, which have joined in the general recovery in property issues of the past few months, eased yesterday. The "A" fell 3½p to 46p and the ordinary 2p to 50p.

Also reporting is Woodmill Property Group. It discloses a pre-tax loss of £216,000 for the six months to March 31, against a profit of £105,000 previously. Once again there is no interim dividend.

The trading loss for the half year includes rolled-up bank interest of £170,000. The board says that an "early meeting" is anticipated with all its bankers. Then there will be a statement to shareholders. A number of banks have shown interest in development of schemes involving their own security and the outcome of such negotiations will "materially affect" Woodmill's asset position.

The £200,000 of unsecured loan stock issued last October has been handed over to a non-associated company in settlement of an outstanding debt on land sales in Aberdeenshire.

Private sector stimulates US issue demand

From Frank Vogl
Washington, Feb 5

The United States Treasury has received bids totalling $29,200m for the $3,500 million of seven-years' notes, carrying an 8 per cent coupon, that it has offered for sale. Demand was so great that the Treasury decided to sell $6,000m of the notes and limit allocations to individual bidders to just $200,000.

The demand was far greater than expected. Dealers today said the huge interest in the issue reflected chiefly demand from private, as opposed to institutional, investors.

The 8 per cent coupon was clearly an attraction, but it was also felt many investors had become alarmed

Liquidator sent in at Mosbert

The Registrar General's offic in Hongkong has confirmed tha a provisional liquidator ha been appointed to Mosbert Hold ings—the Mosbert board had said earlier that it was only considering liquidation. Moscow Norodny Bank has already with drawn financial support fo Mosbert, and it hopes to recover loans estimated at $60m (£30m).

Mosbert puts its estimated aggregate deficiency at about $HK42m before contingen liabilities.

The group is a financial co glomerate, with rubber a palm oil estates, and seve housing projects under c struction in various parts Malaysia. There is speculat that some of these proper could be sold to pay some the debts.



Mr. Shinbei Konishi, President, Takeda Chemical Industries, Ltd.

Takeda Chemical Industries, Ltd.

Report by Mr. Shinbei Konishi, President, for the six months ended 30th September, 1975

Takeda 武田薬品工業株式会社

We are pleased to report the following summary of the operations of Takeda Chemical Industries, Ltd. for the six month period ended 30th September, 1975.

The Company's total sales for the period were ¥136,417 million ($453,213 thousand), a 1 per cent increase over the corresponding period last year. Net earnings for the period amounted to ¥4,949 million ($16,442 thousand), a 40 per cent decrease.

Since the oil crisis, the Japanese economy has been suffering from continued recession. Furthermore due to the decline in capital investment, decrease in exports and a low level of consumer spending, recovery of the economy has been very slow despite a series of financial measures, including reductions in the official discount rate, taken by the government to counter the recession. As a result the Company has also suffered from the general economic recession with a resultant decline in profits.

An outline of the activities of the Company's various operating divisions are given below:

Pharmaceuticals:
The rate of increase of pharmaceutical production in Japan has slowed down and increased only 5 per cent in the first half of 1975 over the corresponding period of last year. Our domestic pharmaceutical sales increased slightly while sales of proprietary drugs levelled off due to the decrease in consumer spending. The increase in sales of pharmaceutical products to the medical profession was also very modest due to strong competition and resulting price reductions. Overall the total sales of pharmaceuticals at home and abroad declined slightly.

Foods:
Sales of food products as a whole expanded favourably. Though the sales of our seasonings and food additives for food processors increased only slightly as a result of the recession in the food industry, our various soft drinks enjoyed a satisfactory sales growth. In January of this year we established "Nittake Foods Co., Ltd.", a joint venture with Nippon Suisan Kaisha, Ltd. and launched into the field of "retort pouch foods", which is expected to grow rapidly in the future. Since the middle of June we have started to market five kinds of "retort pouch foods" in Tokyo under the trade name "Nittake Pack".

Industrial Chemicals:
Demand remained at a low level last year as a result of the prevailing recession, but gradually started to pick up after January and February. Our sales increased, with activated carbon, polyurethane resin and latex making particularly significant contributions.

Agricultural Chemicals:
Shipments of agricultural chemicals increased sharply in the previous year due to speculative buying inspired by anticipated food shortages and the severe attack of rice blast disease. As a reaction to last year's oversupply and because of decreased retail demand, sales of our agricultural chemicals made less progress this year.
Since the beginning of the year, the prices of compound feed have been successively reduced and production in the livestock industry has gradually recovered. The prices of livestock products continued to be strong and the sales of our animal health products and feed additives increased.
As a result, the overall sales of agricultural chemicals and animal health products showed a small improvement.

Overseas Activities:
Affected by the prolonged world-wide recession and the resulting decline in demand and stock levels, overseas sales of bulk fine chemicals such as Vitamin B_1 and Vitamin C slowed down, and as a whole our exports fell slightly.
However, the growth of business of our overseas subsidiaries in pharmaceutical specialties has generally been quite satisfactory.

Capital Investment:
Tokyo Distribution Centre, which had been under construction as the centre for distribution in Eastern Japan, was completed at the beginning of this period. Renovation of research facilities in the Osaka Plant and augmentation of fermentation facilities at the Hikari Plant have also proceeded smoothly.
In spite of the measures taken by the government to stimulate the Japanese economy, recovery cannot be expected this year and the business environment will continue to be unfavourable. The Company intend to pay careful attention to this situation and concentrate every possible effort to the improvement of research, production and sales in order to stabilize and reinforce the foundations of the Company.
We would also take this opportunity to express our gratitude for your patronage and sincerely hope that your kind understanding and support will continue in the future.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER, 1975

WITH COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR 1974

			Yen Millions 1974		Yen Millions 1975
Land, buildings, machinery and equipment, less depreciation			53,646		56,578
Investments and advances			34,352		36,516
Current assets		181,380		204,572	
Less: Current liabilities		97,246	84,134	102,709	101,863
Other assets			12,924		15,656
			185,056		210,613
Less: Employee severance and death benefits		31,692		38,042	
Long-term debt		11,730	43,422	24,432	62,474
			141,634		148,139

	Yen Millions 1974	Yen Millions 1975
Issued capital of 497,982,744 shares	24,889	24,899
Capital and revenue reserves	116,745	123,240
Net sales	134,611	136,417
Operating profit	14,343	9,809
Interest, dividends and other income less interest and other expenses	1,974	1,066
	16,317	10,875
Provision for income taxes	8,050	5,926
Net earnings	8,267	4,949
	141,634	148,139

The interim dividends for the year ending 31st March, 1976, of ¥3.75 per share amounting to ¥1,867 million are not reflected in the above figures.

Business appointments

Decca board strengthened by two new directors

Dr Jack Dimenstein and Mr W. L. Spalding have been appointed directors of Decca. Mr Dimenstein is an American, resident in Switzerland since 1961, and a director of Decca Holding.

Mr Martin Bell has been elected to the board of Turner and Newall.

Mr I. F. van Ammel has been appointed a director of Rupert Chetwynd & Partners (Holdings).

Mr William Longfield, formerly export director of Colibri Lighters, has been made group marketing director. Mr Peter Lait becomes managing director of Colibri Lighters (UK Sales).

Mr H. J. C. Browne has joined the board of Petrocon as a non-executive director. Mr Peter Vey has resigned. Mr Jim Pound has become chairman of Ashford Controls following the retirement of Mr G. E. Godfrey.

Mr W. B. Davidson, a deputy chairman of National Westminster Bank, is to retire from the board on April 13. He will also relinquish his position as chairman and leave the board of Lombard North Central from March 31. He will be succeeded as chairman by the Earl of Crawford and Balcarres, who is a member of the parent bank board.

Mr J. M. Barber has been appointed a director of Christian Salvesen.

Mr R. F. Medlicott has retired from the board and the Earl of Limerick has been appointed to the board of Elbar Industrial.

Dr Larry Frost has joined the board of Matthew Hall Engineering.

Mr W. McCarthy has gone on to the board of Advanced Water Services.

Mr J. Duthie is being appointed a director of the main board of Time Products. Mr S. Kesten is retiring.

Mr N. Brand, production director of Kraft Foods, has been elected chairman of the Association of Cheese Processors.

Mr R. W. Sherriff becomes a director of Fromstock.

MOULINEX

The non-consolidated sales figure excluding tax for the financial year 1975 is F1,184,356,000, an increase of 20.28% over the previous year.

Exports at F570,359,000 account for 48.16% of this figure and are 27.18% up on the figure for 1974.

Moulinex has been awarded the Grand Prix des Oscars for exports in 1975.

The consolidated sales figure excluding tax is F1,265,417,000 for 1975 as against F1,056,138,000 in 1974—an increase of 19.82%. The increase in consolidated sales is in fact 20.33% if ancillary activities in France (sale of waste etc.) are excluded.

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CIAL NEWS

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e civil engineer- ng contractor, is quickly. Pre-tax profits for the year to end September rose from £218,000 to new peak of £233,000 on a turnover up from £10.4m to £16.3m. The dividend rises from 0.61p to 0.67p.

Work on hand is enough to ensure another record turnover this year and a "significant" increase in profits is also indicated.

Hill & Smith beats the going

Hill & Smith, a west Midland steel stockholder and maker of M-way crash barriers, overcame tough going in the second half to make record profits at the pre-tax level. They jumped by 27 per cent to £763,000 in the year to September 30, matching a similar increase in the second half when profits were £424,000. Turnover rose more than £1m to £8.9m. Along with the encouraging profits the board announces a one-for-one scrip issue.

The tough going referred to by Mr T. H. Silk, chairman, was caused by recession. He said it has continued into the first quarter of the current year, but results so far are ahead of last year's. With this in mind, he predicts record full-year profits. The final dividend rises from 3.52p gross to 4p, allowing for last year's scrip issue. The year's total is 6.15p against 5.41p. Earnings a share improved from 11.9p to 15.2p.

Arlington liquidity move

A tax refund of £271,000 and a property sale worth £235,000 have strengthened the liquidity of Arlington Motor Holdings, the Middlesex-based car dealer. The board was influenced by interest charges of £264,000 against £108,000 in the year to March 31, and £213,000 compared with £109,000 for the first six months of the current year to September 24. The group says the property, a freehold plot at Enfield, was surplus to requirements.

G. Johnson-Stephens

Linking conveniently with its existing activities, Gordon Johnson-Stephens (Holdings) has acquired the goodwill and assets of the effluent-treatment plant division of E. B. Burdon Engineers for some £40,000, by share exchange.

Additionally, Johnson-Stephens has issued to Baker Perkins Holdings 188,000 ordinary shares in settlement of the balance of the consideration for the acquisition of the Douglas Rowinson product range. The total consideration was £150,000 including some £50,000 cash.

Hanson warning of 'testing time ahead'

Confidence in maintaining its established record of annual growth was expressed at the Hanson Trust annual meeting by chairman Mr James Hanson. He told shareholders that profits were in line with budgets. But he gave a warning that 1976 would be "a testing year". It was "extremely difficult to look into the crystal ball", he said.

The main thrust of the company's medium-term growth remains in the United States where the economy has started to recover. His estimate of United Kingdom building output is a little better than official figures.

Glanvill Enthoven now earning 47 pc abroad

Glanvill Enthoven & Co, the international insurance broking group, last year earned 47 per cent of its brokerage income overseas.

The report and accounts show that profits before tax for the year ended September 30, 1975, were £1.55m—a 29 per cent increase over 1974. The profits have more than doubled in the past 3 years.

Good year at Mears

A "major" improvement in profits is promised for this year by Mr A. Stephenson, chairman of Mears Bros Holdings, the civil engineering, building and dredging group. The range of its activities and a bigger contribution from the overseas operations provide the basis for sustained growth. The group is ready to use both overseas opportunities and an upturn in the United Kingdom economy, when it occurs.

Finances have been "substantially improved".

NCR

Last year world-wide revenues of NCR Corporation (formerly National Cash Register) rose 9 per cent to $2,165m beating $2,000m for the first time. But net profits declined 17 per cent from last year's record to $72.49m. Earnings a share fully diluted were $2.9 against $3.53. Fourth-quarter profits $17.29m fell 51 per cent to $17.29m.

Australian warning on uranium production

Pancontinental shares fell £2 to £15½ yesterday partly as a reaction to the acknowledgement from the Australian Uranium Producers' Forum that even without Australian production, there would be "world sufficiency" in uranium in the early 1980s.

The statement came from Mr Doug Stewart, deputy chairman of the forum and general manager of Western Mining. He told the Ranger environmental enquiry that large Australian exports could depress world prices. This could make exports from Australia unprofitable, he said, adding that he was not sure the market could take 10,000 tonnes of Australian uranium in 1981.

He estimated that the country's uranium output could reach 10,000 tonnes a year by 1980, or up to 20,000 tonnes if no restrictions were imposed. Pancontinental, Ranger, and the joint Peko-Wallsend-EZ venture could each produce 3,000 tonnes a year by 1980 with Western Mining adding a further 1,000 tonnes, he added.

Earlier the producers had told the inquiry that it was estimated there would be a slight world surplus of uranium, without any contribution from Australia, between 1975 and 1985.

The inquiry was ostensibly established to investigate the possible environmental problems posed by developing the Ranger deposit, but it is now seen as a major investigation into uranium mining. It will also possibly have a major influence on Government thinking about the proposed lifting of the uranium export ban. Peko-Wallsend gained 10p to 530p and Western Mining put on 1p to 152.

Assoc Minerals is holding its own

Associated Minerals Consolidated, the rutile, zircon and ilmenite producer in which Consolidated Gold Fields has a 41 per cent stake, increased operating profits only slightly to A$3.6m after a near 23 per cent increase in gross revenue to A$17.7m in the six months to the end of December.

The interim dividend is 12 cents again. Trading in zircons is expected to be difficult for the rest of the year but the company thinks the total results for the year will approach those made last time.

Adaptable Siemens heads for peak year

From Peter Norman
Bonn, February 5

Group net profits at Siemens AG are heading towards a new peak in the year to September 30 next, after falling 9 per cent to DM458m (£88m) last year.

Dr Bernhard Plettner, the chief executive of West Germany's largest, and the world's fifth biggest, electrical concern, told a press conference that the group's net earnings this year should amount to 2.8 per cent of turnover, which in turn is expected to rise 5 per cent to more than DM20,000m in 1975-76. Dr Plettner, in a characteristic understatement, added that Siemens had come "well" through 1974-75 which he described as the "most difficult post-war year" for the world electrical industry.

The profit drop in 1974-75 was due to exceptional factors in that the company chose to inject more funds into its pension reserves in a lump sum rather than spread the payments over a five-year period as foreseen by West German law.

Without this cautious accounting procedure, the company's yield on turnover would have been "more than three per cent" against the 2.4 per cent return disclosed in last year's figures.

Siemens' world-wide group net earnings rose 11.5 per cent in the quarter to the end of December to DM135m. Turnover in the period increased 10 per cent to DM 4,800m, while net profit as a percentage of turnover stayed constant at 2.8 per cent.

Dr Plettner attributed part of Siemens' success over the past year to its early response to the onset of the world economic recession. The group began at an early stage not to replace natural fluctuations in its workforce so that by the end of September last year the total number of employees had fallen by six per cent to 207,000 compared with 12 months before. The reductions continued in the first quarter of the current year, when the workforce was reduced by a further 4,000 and should now have come to a virtual end.

In the current year, Siemens plans to invest an unchanged total of DM1,300m although this sum will include about DM 100m for the purchase of the stake in the Osram light company previously held by AEG-Telefunken.

& Loans

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hore oil industry Aberdeen-based aritime, seeks gh a rights issue ordinary shares It will be in existing holdings. s intend to sub- t £575,000, the The offshore sup- the Department lso to provide a unsecured con- f up to £1.72m company to fin- sed costs arising ointment of a Drypool Group two tug supply constructed at yard. The com- a turnover of 76 and forecasts least £625,000 0 for 1975.

Briefly

AMERICAN TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH
New York.—Net income, per share, for 1975, $5.13 ($5.28). Operating net income, $5,128.9m ($4,691.9m). Net income, $5,147.7m ($5,174.5m). Revenues, $28,957.2m ($26,174.4m).—Reuter.

AMERICAN MOTORS
Net profit for first quarter (to December 31), $7.47m, against loss of $5.58m on sales of $615m ($493m).—Reuter.

GALLAHER
Gallaher (owned by American Brands) reports group sales for 1975 up from £724.04m to £932.38m and pre-tax profits from £33.46m to £35.44m.

AMBER DAY HOLDINGS
Of rights issue of 5.18m ordinary, 5.05m (97.49 per cent of total) taken up. The ordinary were offered on one-for-one basis at par.

BARRATT DEVELOPMENTS—H. C. JANES
Offer made on behalf of Barratt to acquire Janes declared unconditional. Acceptances received in respect of 5,700,536 ordinary shares (97.2 per cent of issued capital of Janes). Offer will remain open until further notice.

MORGAN EDWARDS
Although turnover rose from £10.32m to £13.18m in 28 weeks to October 11, pre-tax profit dropped from £136,000 to £57,000. Dividend, 1.66p gross (1.23p gross).

MANN & OVERTON
Pre-tax profit for year to October 31, £531,000 (£550,000). Total payment, 4.78p gross (4.35p gross). Company runs London taxis.

QUEENSWAY PLACEMENT
Date for announcing Queensway Discount Warehouses over-the-counter placement has been postponed indefinitely from February 19.

PIRELLI
Ste Internationale Pirelli's 1975 sales of the group's companies fell to about 2,850m francs from 3,200m francs in 1974. Profits were "higher on balance".—Reuter.

OWEN & ROBINSON
Pre-tax loss for half-year, £16,000 (profit, £66,000). Turnover down from £453,000 to £390,500. Board fears difficulties to continue in second half. Company are jewellers, etc.

FREE STATE DEVELOPMENT
Pre-tax profit for half-year to December 31 down from R417,000 to R282,000. Interim payment held at 4 cents per share.

PELDAYNE (HOLDINGS)
Pre-tax profit, £23,000 (loss, £9,080) after interest of £75,000 (£125,000) for half-year to September 30. Tax nil (same). Board expects second-half's profits to show a further small increase and hopes to recommend an increase in year's dividend.

BULGARIAN LOAN
Agreement has been signed in Sofia for medium-term loan of $20m for Bulgarian Foreign Trade Bank. Arranged by Brandts Limited, the loan was provided by Banque Européenne de Crédit, Brandts, Grindlays Bank and Marine Midland Bank.

EDINBURGH INV TRUST
Trust has arranged to borrow £1m for five years at fluctuating interest rate.

LAWSON GILT
Lawson Gilt and Warrant Fund has acquired 10 per cent of issue of Scottish and Continental Inv Trust subscription warrants.

IMASCO
Sales for third quarter (Canadian), $256.59m ($231.91m). Earnings $10.74m ($10.62m), or $1.10 ($1.09) per share. Board states food operations in United States were not up to expectations.

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MARKET REPORTS

Commodities

COPPER was steady.—Afternoon.—Cash wire bars, £589.50-90.00 a metric ton; three months, £608.50-09.00. Sales, 10,750 tons (mainly carries). Cash cathodes, £578-79; three months, £597-98. Sales, nil tons. Morning.—Cash wire bars, £589-89.50; three months, £607-07.50. Settlement, £589.50. Sales, 5,375 tons. Cash cathodes, £578-78.50; three months, £596-96.50. Settlement, £578.50. Sales, 225 tons (about half carries).
SILVER was about 1p up on all three positions.—Bullion market (fixing levels).—Spot, 194.05p a troy ounce (United States cents equivalent, 394.3); three months, 198.65p (399.8c); six months, 203.65p (405.6c); one-year, 215.40p (421.7c). London Metal Exchange.—Afternoon.—Cash, 194.3-94.4p; three months, 198.8-99.00p; seven months, 205.5-05.6p. Sales, 39 lots of 10,000 troy ounces each. Morning.—Cash, 194.2-94.3p; three months, 198.7-98.8; seven months, 205.5-05.7p. Settlement, 194.3p. Sales, 46 lots (mainly carries).
TIN: After falling back in the morning prices picked up and standard cash closed £10.50 up and three months went £7 ahead.—Afternoon.—Standard cash, £3,145-48 a metric ton; three months, £3,210-15. Sales, 330 tons (about half carries). High grade, cash, £3,150-55; three months, £3,215-20. Sales, 10 tons. Morning.—Standard cash, £3,150-55; three months, £3,195-96. Settlement, £3,155. Sales, 550 tons. High grade, cash, £3,155-40; three months, £3,200-05. Settlement, £3,140. Sales, 10 tons (all carries). Singapore tin ex-works, $$1978 a picul.
LEAD was slightly firmer.—Afternoon.—Cash, £165.25-65.50 a metric ton; three months, £171.75-72.00. Sales, 775 tons. Morning.—Cash, £164.50-64.75; three months, £171-71.25. Settlement, £164.75. Sales, 650 tons.
ZINC was steady and featureless.—Afternoon.—Cash, £337-38 a metric ton; three months, £348.25-48.50. Sales, 1,100 tons (mainly carries). Morning.—Cash, £337.25-37.50; three months, £348-48.25. Settlement, £337.50. Sales, 1,775 tons (mainly carries). Producers' price £390 a metric ton. All afternoon metal prices are unofficial.
PLATINUM was 60p up at £68 ($138) a troy ounce.
RUBBER was firmer.—March, 40.30-40.90 per kilo; April, 40.80-41.15; April-June, 41.10-41.10; July, 42.50-42.65; Oct-Dec, 44.10-44.15; Jan-March, 45.20-45.30; April-June, 46.30-46.35; July-Sept, 46.55-46.90; Oct-Dec, 47.45-47.60. Sales, 272 lots at 15 tonnes.
RUBBER PHYSICALS were inactive.—Spot, 40-41. Cifs, March, 37.25-37.75; April, 38.00-38.50.
COFFEE. Uncertainty about the effects of the Guatemalan earthquake disaster kept prices of robusta futures firm.
ROBUSTAS.—March, £854-55 per metric ton; May, £867-69; July, £877-78; Sept, £884-85; Nov, £892-93; Jan, £897-98; March, £901-905. Sales, 1,776 lots including 44 options.
ARABICAS were steady.—Feb $103-106 per 50 kilos; April, $110-111; June, $109.50-10.50; Aug, $109.40-10.00; Oct, $109.75-10.00; Dec, $110-110.50; Feb, $109.50-112.50. Sales, 28 lots.
COCOA futures lost from £11 to £6.50 on balance. Dealers felt that profit taking after the recent substantial advances was still continuing.—March, £755.50-£756 per metric ton; May, £738.50-£739; July, £728-28.50; Sept, £708.50-£709; Dec, £685-86; March, £678-79; May, £671-73. Sales, 2,784 lots of 10 tonnes. ICO prices: daily, 67.32c; 15-day average, 64.28c; 22-day average, 64.19c (US cents per lb).
SUGAR futures were steady. The London daily prices were: "raws" £154 (£2 down); "whites" £176 (£3 down).—March, £156.35-56.50 per long ton; May, £156.85-57.00; Aug, £158.25-58.35; Oct, £159.05-59.20; Dec, £159.50-59.75; March, £159.50-59.75; May, £159.25-60.00. Sales, 3,643 lots. ISA prices: 13.10c; 17-day average, 13.75c.
SOYABEAN MEAL was quiet.—Feb, £82-89 per metric ton; April, £85-85.40; June, £86.30-86.40; Aug, £87.30-87.80; Oct, £88.40-88.60; Dec, £89.90-90.00; Feb, £90.80-91.00. Sales, 29 lots.
WOOL: Greasy futures were steady.—March, 184-87p per kilo; May, 191-94p; July, 199-202p; Oct, 205-208p; Dec, 212-215p; March, 215-219p; May, 220-225p. Sales: 7 lots.
JUTE was quiet.—Bangladesh white "C" grade, Feb-March, $195 per long ton. "D" grade, Feb-March, £187.50. *Calcutta was closed.*
GRAIN (The Baltic).—WHEAT.—US dark northern spring No 2, 14 per cent: March £98.10; April-May £93 sellers direct Tilbury. Argentine milling: Feb £81.10; March £83.40 east coast. EEC feed: Feb £64.40; March £65 east coast.
MAIZE.—No 3 yellow American-French: Feb £66.35; March £67.15 trans-shipment east coast. South African white: March £66.50 Glasgow.
BARLEY.—EEC feed: Feb £64.75; March £63.50 east coast. All per long ton cif UK unless stated.
London Grain Futures Market (Gafta). EEC origin.—BARLEY was slightly easier: March, £65.45; May, £65.35; Sept, £64.90; Nov, £66.65; Jan, £68.55. WHEAT was easier: March, £64.55; May, £66.50; Sept, £63.55; Nov, £67.50; Jan, £69.25.
Home-Grown Cereal Authority's location ex-farm spot prices:—

	Soft milling WHEAT	Feed WHEAT	Feed BARLEY
South Lincoln	£65	£63.25	£62.05
Wiltshire	—	£63.15	£62.40

MEAT COMMISSION: Average fatstock prices at representative markets on February 5.—UK: Cattle, £24.06 per live cwt (−0.10). Sheep, 42.3p per lb estd dcw (+0.3). Pigs, £3.03 per acw (+0.13). England and Wales: Cattle numbers up 7.6 per cent, average price, £24.21 (−0.20). Sheep numbers down 2.6 per cent, average price 42.4p (+0.3). Pig numbers down 4.9 per cent, average price £3.03 (+0.13). Scotland: Cattle numbers down 9.2 per cent, average price, £24.03 (+0.11). Sheep numbers up 31.9 per cent, average price 42.3p (−0.1). Pigs, nil.

Easing Zambia copper problem

Nairobi, Feb 5.—The newspaper *Daily Nation* has said that Zambian copper exports through the port of Mombasa, stopped a year ago, are to resume. No confirmation is available from Kenyan officials, but they said that talks have been held with a view to easing Zambia's export problems.

Last week a Kenya source in Lusaka told Reuters that during recent ministerial talks there Kenya's government-owned Kenatco Transport Company made Zambia a very favourable offer to carry copper if Zambia can bring pressure to bear on Tanzania to have the route opened.

The *Daily Nation* said that a Zambian delegation which has been visiting the port reached agreement that about 6,000 tons a month will be sent to Kenya in 10-ton lorries.

Bank Base Rates

Barclays Bank	10%
First London Secs	10%
C. Hoare & Co	*10%
Lloyds Bank	10%
Midland Bank	10%
Nat Westminster	10%
Rossminster ACC's	10%
Shenley Trust	11½%
Williams & Glyn's	10%

* 7-day deposits on sums of £10,000 and under, 6%, up to £25,000, 6¾%, over £25,000, 7¼%.

Recent Issues

	Closing price
Bowring C.T. 10% Cnv (£100)	£131-1
Essex Wtr 8% Pf (‡)	£105
Lee Valley Wtr 9% Rd Pf (†)	£102¼
Treasury 9½% A 1980 (£96)	£95⅞-¼

RIGHTS ISSUES	Latest date of renun	
Baker Perkins (50)	Mar 12	14 prem
BBK (25)	Mar 24	1 prem
Ocean Trans (110‡)	..	30 prem-½
Stenhouse (64‡)	..	24 prem

Issue price in parentheses. * Ex dividend. † Issued by tender. ‡ Nil paid. a £45 paid. b £10 paid. a £30 paid. f £50 paid. g £60 paid. h £25 paid. i £40 paid.

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1975/76 High	Low	Company	Last Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div (p)	Yld %	P/E
46	25	Armitage & Rhodes	34	—	3.0	8.8	9.0
103	94	Deborah Services	103	—	7.5	7.3	5.5
145	115	Henry Sykes	145	—	4.9	3.4	9.7
36	18	Twinlock Ord	23	—	0.9	4.0	5.7
66	45	Twinlock 12% ULS	65	—	12.0	18.5	—
62	48	Unilock Holdings	62	—	4.5	7.3	12.0

DECCA LIMITED

INTERIM REPORT

Half year to 30th September, 1975

The profits of the group for the half year to 30th September 1975, based on unaudited accounts, are set out below compared with the corresponding period of 1974 and the year 1974/75.

	Six Months to 30th Sept. 1975 £'000	Six Months to 30th Sept. 1974 £'000	Year to 31st March 1975 £'000
GROUP TURNOVER—			
Consumer Goods	39,000	36,400	82,800
Capital Goods	39,300	32,000	71,500
TOTAL	78,300	68,400	154,300
TRADING PROFIT before charging Depreciation, Interest and Taxation	9,269	8,835	20,200
Less Depreciation and Amortisation	2,509	2,089	4,256
PROFIT BEFORE INTEREST AND TAXATION	6,760	6,746	15,944
Less Interest Payable	1,321	1,129	2,662
PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION	5,439	5,617	13,282
Provision for taxation	2,875	2,900	7,620
PROFIT AFTER TAXATION	2,564	2,717	5,662
Attributable to Minority Shareholders in Subsidiaries	200	183	366
	2,364	2,534	5,296
Special items—net effect of changes in foreign exchange rates on net current assets	36	33	(465)
—expenditure on North Sea dry wells	—	—	(218)
—net cost of a factory closure	(130)	—	—
NET PROFIT ATTRIBUTABLE to DECCA LTD.	2,270	2,567	4,613
Comparative figures for profit before interest and taxation are:			
Consumer Goods	2,102	2,510	6,843
Capital Goods	4,658	4,236	9,101
	6,760	6,746	15,944

Turnover and profits from capital goods have continued to expand and showed an increase over the corresponding period of the previous year. Profits from records increased but profits from colour television were lower owing to the depressed state of the home market. Total export sales rose by over 50% to £25.8 million. Profits for the six months do not include the group's share of the results of associated companies.

The Directors have declared an interim dividend of 2.7p per share (last year 2.1p) on the Ordinary and "A" Ordinary shares, each of 25p, to shareholders on the register at the close of business on 24th February 1976, payable on 30th April 1976, absorbing a sum of £507,861 (last year £395,003). The increased payment is intended to reduce the disparity between the interim and final dividend.

Because of reduced profits from TV and a reduction in activities by the oil industry in the North Sea, the group profits for the year to 31st March 1976 will be lower than for the year to March 1975.

It is with deep regret that the Board records the death on 5th November 1975 of their esteemed colleague, Mr. M. A. Rosengarten, who had been a director of the company since 1960. His son-in-law, Dr. Jack Dimenstein, and Mr. W. L. Spalding, the company's Secretary and Group Comptroller have today been appointed to the Board.

5th February, 1976.

Foreign Exchange

The dollar closed higher in European currency trading yesterday as speculative pressures in most leading centres started to fade.

The Bank of France, however, maintained support for the franc, selling between $70m and $100m, according to Paris estimates.

The spot lira staged a recovery against the dollar, responding to higher reserve requirements on Italian banks and economic proposals from the Rome caretaker administration.

The dollar moved to 4.4660/80 against the French franc, from 4.4550/70 overnight; to 2.5730/40 marks (2.5670/80); and to 2.5915/30 Swiss francs (2.5905/25).

Sterling slipped 30 points against the dollar, to close at $2.0280. Its effective rate was unchanged at 30.1 per cent.

The dollar recovered to 301.20/35 against the yen in Europe (300.25/55), after the Bank of Japan earlier spent an estimated $150m in support for the United States unit in Tokyo.

Gold fell $1.00 in quiet bullion dealing, closing in London, at $128.75 an ounce.

Spot Position of Sterling

	Market rates (day's range) February 5	Market rates (close) February 5
New York	$2.0275-0320	$2.0275-0285
Montreal	$2.0205-0270	$2.0205-0215
Amsterdam	5.29¼-42gl	5.40-41gl
Brussels	79.20-80f	79.30-70f
Copenhagen	12.45¼-45¾k	12.45¼-46¼k
Frankfurt	5.20¾-21m	5.21½-22¼m
Lisbon	55.10-40e	55.20-40e
Madrid	121.30-70p	121.50-70p
Milan	1310-20lr	1322-27lr
Oslo	11.19½-23¼k	11.20-21k
Paris	9.03¼-07¼f	9.05¼-06¼f
Stockholm	8.84½-87¼k	8.85-86k
Tokyo	608-15y	613½-15¼y
Vienna	37.05-35sch	37.10-30sch
Zurich	5.25-30f	5.25½-26¼f

Effective depreciation since Dec 21, 1971 unchanged at 30.1 per cent.

Forward Levels

	1 month	3 months
New York	.75-.65c prem	2.20-2.10c prem
Montreal	.05c prem-.05c disc	.30-.20c prem
Amsterdam	3-2c prem	8¼-7¼c prem
Brussels	10c prem-10c disc	45-35c prem
Copenhagen	4-2ore prem	8¼-6¼ore prem
Frankfurt	3-2pf prem	8¼-7¼pf prem
Lisbon	par-100c disc	par-175c disc
Madrid	50-100c disc	150-200c disc
Milan	1lr prem-2lr disc	par-4lr disc
Oslo	5-3ore prem	12-10ore prem
Paris	1¾-¾c prem	3¼-2¼c prem
Stockholm	3-1ore prem	7-5ore prem
Vienna	35-10gro prem	80-50gro prem
Zurich	4¼-3¼c prem	11¼-10¼c prem

Canadian dollar rate (against US dollar), $1.0032-35.

Eurodollar deposits (%) calls, 4¼-5¼; seven days, 4¼-5¼; one month, 5-5½; three months, 5¼-5¾; six months, 5¼-6¼.

Gold

Gold fixed: am, $128.75 (an ounce); pm, $128.75.

Krugerrand: (per coin): $132-134 (£65-66) (domestic); $132-134 (£65-66) (International).

Sovereigns: (old), $43.50-44.50 (£21.50-22.00) (new): $42.50-44.50 (£21-22) (International).

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

$ STRAIGHTS	Bid	Offer
AIDC 10¼ 1981	103½	104¼
Air France 9¼ 1982	102	103
Airlease 8½ 1988	90	93
ARDB 9¼ 1980	101	102
Aspland 8 1987	94	95
Barclays Bank 9¼ 1982	100½	101½
BFCE 9 1983	100¼	101¼
Broken Hill Prop 9½ 1981	102	103
British Steel Corp 8¾ 1989	89	93
Burlington 7¾ 1987	92	93
Carrier 8 1987	93	94
CECA 8¾ 1989	100	101
Chevron 7 1980	98	99¼
Conoco 7 1980	98	99¼
Conoco 8 1986	99	100
Cons Food 7¾ 1991	91	92
CSR 9¼ 1980	101½	102½
Curacao Tokyo 8¾ 1988	94¼	95¼
Curacao Tokyo 10¼ 1981	103	104
Cutler Hammer 8 1987	93¼	94¼
Dana 8 1987	94	95
Denmark Kingdom 7½ 1990	86½	87½
DSM 9¼ 1980	101½	102½
EIB 9 1980	101½	102½
EIB 9½ 1985	101½	102½
Escom 9¼ 1989	90	92
Escom 10¼ 1983	99½	100½
Escom Floating Rate 1982	96½	97½
First Chicago 7 1980	97	98
GATX 8¼ 1987	94	95
Gould 9¼ 1983	99½	100½
Guardian Royal 8 1987	81	84
Gulf and Western 9¾ 1980	102	103
ICI 7¾ 1992	86	89
International Utn 8¼ 1982	96¼	97¼
Motorola 8 1987	95	96
National Coal Board 8¾ 1988	89	92
New Zealand 9 1980	102	103
New Zealand 9¼ 1983	102¼	103¼
Nippon Fudosan 10¼ 1980	103¼	104¼
Nippon Steel 9¼ 1980	101¼	102¼
NA Rockwell 8¼ 1987	93¼	94¼
Occidental 10 1981	100	101
Ontario Hydro 9 1980	102¼	103¼
Pacific Lighting 8 1988	95	96
Pacific Lighting 9¼ 1981	103	104
Pennwalt 8 1987	94¼	95¼
Ralston Purina 7¼ 1987	95¼	96¼
Scanraff 7¼ 1990	91	92
Scanraff 8¾ 1988	93¼	94¼
Shell 7¼ 1987	96	97
Singer 11 1977	97¼	98¼
Scandinaviska 10¼ 1981	105	106
Standard Oil 8¼ 1980	102	103
Standard Oil 8¼ 1988	100	101
Standard Oil 8¼ 1988	100¼	101¼
Statsgoretag 9¼ 1980	100¼	101¼
Sybron 8 1987	95	96
Tenneco 7¾ 1987	90¼	91¼
Textron 7¾ 1987	90¼	91¼
Transocean Gulf 7¾ 1987	96	97
Union Oil 7¾ 1987	95¼	96¼
Williams & Glyns 8¾ 1987	84	87

DM BONDS	Bid	Offer
CFP 8¼ 1985	101¼	102¼
Denmark 9¼ 1989	103¼	103¼
ICI 8¼ 1982	99¼	100¼
Mexico 9 1982	100¼	101¼
National Westminster 8 1986	97¼	98¼
Sumitomo Metal Inds 8¾ 1982	100¼	101¼
Sun Int Fin 7¾ 1988	94¼	95¼

$ CONVERTIBLES	Bid	Offer
AMF 5 1987	68	70
American Express 4¼ 1987	87¼	89¼
Beatrice Foods 4¼ 1992	95¼	97¼
Beatrice Foods 6¼ 1991	109	111
Beatrice Foods 4¾ 1993	105	107
Borden 5 1992	96	98
Borden 6¼ 1991	104	106
Broadway Hale 4¼ 1987	76	78
Carnation 4 1988	83	85
Chevron 5 1992	104	106
Cummins 6¼ 1986	80	82
Dart 4¼ 1987	90	92
Eastman Kodak 4¼ 1988	121	123
Economic Labs 4¼ 1987	83	85
Federated Dept Stores 4½ 1985	128	130
Ford 5 1988	82	84
Ford 6 1986	93	98
Gillette 4¾ 1987	77	79
Gould 5 1987	90	92
General Electric 4¼ 1987	88	90
Gulf and Western 5 1988	96	98
Harris 5 1987	77	79
Honeywell 6 1986	82	84
ITT 4¼ 1987	72	74
J. Ray McDermott 4¾ 1987	134	136
J. P. Morgan 4¼ 1987	117	119
Nabisco 5¼ 1988	96	98
Owens Illinois 4¼ 1987	101¼	103¼
J. C. Penney 4¼ 1987	84¼	86¼
Revlon 4¼ 1987	100	103
Rank Org 3¼ 1993	49¼	51¼
Sperry Rand 4¼ 1988	97¼	99¼
Squibb 4¼ 1987	84	86
Texaco 4¼ 1988	75	77
Union Carbide 4¾ 1982	126¼	127¼
Warner Lambert 4¼ 1987	94¼	96¼
Xerox Corp 5 1988	76¼	78¼

DM=Deutschmark issue.

Source: Kidder, Peabody Securities, London.

Discount market

Discount houses had a comfortable session yesterday. Money, if anything, was just in surplus, but the Bank of England found it unnecessary to intervene. One or two banks were "calling" on a fairly large scale, but fresh funds came into the market steadily.

Rates opened around 9¾-9½ per cent and were down to 9½ by lunchtime. With the Lasmoscot application subscriptions causing less disturbance than might have been feared, credit continued to be in adequate supply during the afternoon, bringing rates down to closing levels in the 7 to 8 per cent area.

Activity in Treasury bills dwindled, though buyers were still showing enough interest to take rates down to a level that would discount a full half-point cut in MLR today. Some market observers, however, were suggesting that the authorities might have been influencing the Treasury bill rate to try to head off more than a quarter-point drop in the MLR.

There has been some concern that a large fall in MLR could put a strain on sterling, which has been looking less robust.

Factors working in the market's favour yesterday included above-target balances brought forward by the banks, Exchequer disbursements that exceeded the tax inflow, and further contraction in the note circulation.

Money Market Rates

Bank of England Minimum Lending Rate 10%
(Last changed 30/1/76)
Clearing Banks Base Rate 10½%
Discount Mkt Loans%
Overnight: Open 9½ Close 7
Week Fixed: 9¼-9¾

Treasury Bills (Dis%)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	9¼	2 months	8⅞
3 months	9	3 months	8⅞

Prime Bank Bills (Dis%) Trades (Dis%)

2 months	9¼-9⅛	3 months	9¾
3 months	9⅛-8⅞	4 months	9¾
4 months	9-8⅞	6 months	9¾
6 months	9-8⅞		

Local Authority Bonds

1 month	10¼-9¾	7 months	10-9½
2 months	10¼-9¾	8 months	10-9½
3 months	10¼-9¾	9 months	10¼-9¾
4 months	10-9½	10 months	10¼-9¾
5 months	10-9½	11 months	10¼-9¾
6 months	10-9½	12 months	10¼-9¾

Secondary Mkt. £CD Rates (%)

1 month	9⅞-9⅝	6 months	9⅞-9⅝
3 months	9⅞-9⅝	12 months	9⅞-9⅝

Local Authority Market (%)

2 days	9¼	3 months	9¾
7 days	9¼	6 months	9¾
1 month	9¾	1 year	10¼

Interbank Market (%)
Overnight: Open 8½-9¼ Close 8

1 week	9¼-9¼	6 months	9⅞-9⅝
1 month	9¼-9¼	9 months	9⅞-9⅝
3 months	9⅞-9⅝	12 months	9⅞-9⅝

First Class Finance Houses (Mkt. Rate %)
3 months 10 6 months 10

Finance House Base Rate 11%

Wall Street

New York, Feb 5.—Stock prices closed sharply lower on the New York stock exchange, with the Dow Jones industrial average dropping 11.81 points to 964.81. It was the index's steepest loss since the New Year's rally began.

About 1,100 issues declined, compared with about 470 gainers. Volume totalled 33,780,000 shares compared with 38,270,000 yesterday.

Brokers said selling was prompted in part by rising short term interest rates that analysts say threaten a tightening of monetary policy by the Federal Reserve.

Declining interest rates were a big factor in the stock market's forceful rally starting after January 1.

Louisiana Land & Exploration was off ⅞ to 26½, Coastal States Gas 14⅛, off ⅛, Superior Oil 119⅛, down 5¼, Mesa Pete 26, off 2, and Texas Oil & Gas 16¾, down 1⅝.

Silver advances 3.1c

New York, Feb 5.—COMEX SILVER finished the day with advances of 3.10 to 2.70 cents, on 12,594 contracts. Switching accounted for about 75 per cent of the volume. Feb, 394.60c; March, 395.80c; April, 398.40c; May, 400.50c; July, 405.60c; Sept, 410.90c; Dec, 419.30c; Jan, 422.00c; March, 427.60c; May, 433.20c. Handy and Harman $394 (previous $391.70). Handy and Harman of Canada Can$3.931 (previous Can$3.914).
GOLD futures closed steady in moderate trading. All contracts on the New York Comex were all unchanged, while the Chicago IMM was 10 cents lower to 30 cents higher. COMEX GOLD.—Feb, $128.60; March, $128.90; April, $129.20; June, $130.50; Aug, $131.80; Oct, $133.20; Dec, $134.60; Feb, $136.00; April, $137.40; June, $138.80. CHICAGO IMM.—March, 128.40-128.70; June, 130.30; Sept, 132.50 asked; Dec, 134.60 bid; March, 136.70c.
COPPER.—Futures closed steady 10 points down on 4,045 lots.—Feb, 55.30c; March, 55.60c; April, 56.00c; May, 56.40c; July, 57.30c; Sept, 58.20c; Dec, 59.40c; Jan, 59.80c; March, 60.60c.
SUGAR.—A shortcovering rally lifted world sugar futures in No 11 contract sharply in the late stages, the market closing with sizable gains of 0.28 to 0.20 cent.—March, 13.42-36c; May, 13.41-39c; July, 13.42-40c; Sept, 13.51-60c; Oct, 13.50-48c; Jan, 13.48c nominal; March, 13.46-50c; May, 13.48c nominal. Spot, 13.15, up 10c.
COTTON.—Futures.—March, 59.76-95c; May, 60.90-1.10c; July, 61.65-70c; Oct, 60.30-50c; Dec, 58.40-45c; March, 59.05-20c; May, 59.20-40c; July, 59.30-55c.
COFFEE. Futures in "C" contract ranged from 1.50 to 0.25 cents up. March, 99.00-8.90c; May, 98.50c; July, 98.30c; Sept, 98.00-05c; Dec, 97.50c.
COCOA. Futures closed easy on 1,597 lots. March, 68.50c; May, 64.75c; July, 62.55c; Sept, 60.65c; Dec, 57.85c; March, 56.50c; May, 55.75c; July, unquoted. Spots: Ghana 76c nominal. Bahia 73c nominal.
WOOL. Futures and Crossbred futures were featureless today. GREASE WOOL. Spot 167.5c nominal. March, 163.0-8.0c; May, 162.5-6.5c; July, 161.1-5.0c; Oct, 160.0-4.0c; Dec, 160.0-5.0c; March, 160.0-6.0c. CROSSBRED: Spot 99.0c nominal. March, 97.0-101.0; May, 97.0-102.0; July, 97.0-100.0; Oct, 97.0-102.0; Dec, 97.0-105.0; March, 95.0-103.0; May, nil.
CHICAGO SOYABEANS. Futures ended the day mostly higher after a fairly quiet trade. Meal advanced $1.00 to $0.50 a ton, while Oil rose 0.12 to 0.01 cent a lb. SOYABEANS. March, 477½-78c; May, 845½-85c; July, 492-91½c; Aug, 495c; Sept, 499c; Nov, 504-03c; Jan, 509c; March, 515-16c; May, 522c. SOYABEAN MEAL. March, $138.00-7.80. SOYABEAN OIL. March, 15.70-80c; May, 15.90-95c; July, 16.10c; Aug, 16.10-15c; Sept, 16.20c; Oct, 16.30c; Dec, 16.35-40c; Jan, 16.40-45c. SOYABEAN MEAL (New). March, 135.50-5.80c; May, 139.00-8.80c; July, 141.00c; Aug, 141.70-2.00c; Sept, 143.00-3.00c; Oct, 132.00c; Dec, 145.00-6.00c; Jan, 146.00-7.00c.
CHICAGO GRAINS.—WHEAT closed ¼ to 4 cents lower. March, 351¼-350¾c; May, 356¼-356c; July, 359¼-360c; Sept, 366c; Dec, 376c; March, 384c. MAIZE closed ¼ to 2 cents lower. March, 266¾-266c; May, 272c; July, 275½-275c; Sept, 271¼c; Dec, 266c; March, 272¼c. OATS closed ¼ to ½ cent lower. March, 157c; May, 151¼c; July, 147c; Sept, 147c; Dec, 146c nominal.

	Feb 5	Feb 4		Feb 5	Feb 4		Feb 5	Feb 4
Allied Chem	41½e	41⅛	Ford	48⅛	49⅛	RCA Corp	25½	26⅞
Allied Stores	48⅛	49⅛	GAF Corp	13⅞	13⅞	Republic Steel	34⅞	34⅞
Allied Supermkt	4	3⅞	Gamble Skogmo	24½	24⅞	Reynolds Ind	63⅞	64
Allis Chalmers	14⅛	14⅝	Gen Dynamics	45⅞	44½	Reynolds Metal	33⅞	34⅞
Alcoa	45	46	Gen Electric	53½	54⅞	Rockwell Int	28⅞	28⅞
Amax Inc	54⅛	53⅞e	Gen Foods	29⅛	29½	Royal Dutch	45⅞	45⅞
Amerada Hess	21⅛	21⅛	Gen Instrument	16⅛	16½	Safeways	45⅞	45⅞
Am Airlines	10⅛	11⅛	Gen Mills	31⅛	32	St Regis Paper	43½	43⅞
Am Brands	40½	40	Gen Motors	62⅞e	63⅞	Santa Fe Ind	36⅞	36⅞
Am Broadcast	25	26⅞	Gen Pub Util NY	17½	17⅞	SCM	19⅞	16⅞
Am Can	33⅞	33½	Gen Tel Elec	27½	27⅛	Schlumberger	80	81⅞
Am Cyanamid	27⅛	27⅞	Gen Tire	21⅞	22⅛	Scott Paper	21⅞	22
Am Elec Power	21⅛	22½	Genesco	6⅛	6½	Seaboard Coast	25⅞	25⅞
Am Home	36⅞	37⅞	Georgia Pacific	48⅞	49½	Seagram	30⅞	31⅞
Am Motors	6⅛	6⅛	Getty Oil	168⅞	171⅛	Sears Roebuck	65⅞	67⅞
Am Nat Gas	36⅞	36½	Gillette	34½	35⅛	Shell Oil	51⅞	52
Am Standard	22½	23	Goodrich	26⅞	27½	Shell Trans	31⅞	31⅞
Am Telephone	54⅞	55	Goodyear	24⅞	25	Signal Co	16⅞	16⅞e
AMF Inc	23⅞	24	Gould Inc	30⅛	30⅞	Singer	13⅞	14⅞
Anaconda	19⅞	19⅞	Grace	27⅞e	28⅛	Sony	9⅞	9⅞e
Armco Steel	31½	33	Gt Atlic & Pacific	11⅛	11⅛	Sth Cal Edison	21½	21⅞
Asarco	16	16⅛	Greyhound	15½	15⅞	Southern Pacific	34½	35
Ashland Oil	25½	25⅞	Grumman Corp	16⅛	18 e	Southern Rly	61⅞	61⅞
Atlantic Richfield	88⅞	89⅝	Gulf Oil	24⅞	23⅞	Sperry Rand	46⅞	46⅞
Avco	7½	7½	Gulf & West	22⅞	23⅞	Squibb	36⅞	38⅞
Avon Products	41½	42⅞	Heinz H. J.	47	49	Std Brands	36⅞	36⅞
Babcock & Wcox	24	25	Hercules	34	35⅞	Std Oil Califnia	32⅞	32
Bankers Tst NY	34⅛	34⅝	Honeywell	60⅞	63	Std Oil Indiana	45⅞e	45⅞
Bank of America	46⅛b	46⅛b	IC Inds	18⅞	18⅞	Std Oil Ohio	70	70⅞
Bank of NY	31½	31⅞	Ingersoll	87½	89⅞	Sterling Drug	19⅞	20⅞
Beatrice Foods	23⅛	24⅛	Inland Steel	47½	48⅞	Stevens J. P.	21½	21⅞
Bell & Howell	19⅞	20½	IBM	258	263⅞	Stude Worth	44⅞	45⅞
Bendix	50⅛	50⅛	Int Harvester	26⅞	27	Sunbeam Corp	25⅞	25⅞
Bethlehem Steel	41⅝	42⅞e	Int Nickel	30½	30⅞	Sundstrand	21⅞	21⅞
Boeing	27⅜	27⅞	Int Paper	72⅞	72⅞	Sun Oil	30⅞	30⅞e
Boise Cascade	28½	27½	Int Tel Tel	26⅞	27½	Teledyne	31⅞	34⅞
Borden	28⅛	28⅛	Jewel Co	21⅞	21⅞	Tenneco	29	28⅞
Borg Warner	25⅛	25½	Jim Walter	42⅞	43⅞	Texaco	25⅞	25⅞
Bristol Myers	77⅛	77⅛	Johns-Manville	25⅞	26⅛	Texas East Trans	34	34⅞
BP	11⅛	11⅛	Johnson & John	92	94⅞	Texas Inst	119⅞	121⅞
Budd	14⅞	15⅞e	Kaiser Alumin	31⅞	32⅞	Texas Utilities	20⅞	21⅞
Burlington Ind	33⅛	33⅞	Kennecott	34⅞	34½	Textron	25⅞	26⅞
Burlington Nthn	35⅞	37	Kerr McGee	73⅞	75	TWA	8⅞	9
Burroughs	104⅞	106⅞	Kimberly Clark	44⅞	44⅞	Travelers Corp	28	28
Campbell Soup	35⅛	35½	Kraftco Corp	43⅞	44½	TRW Inc	32½	32⅞
Canadian Pacific	15⅞	15	Kresge SS	32⅞	33⅞	UAL Inc	27½	27⅞
Caterpillar	78⅞	80	Kroger	18⅞	18⅞	Unilever Ltd	35⅞	36⅞
Celanese	54⅞	55⅞	Ligg Myer	38	38⅞	Unilever NV	48	47⅞
Central Soya	15½	16⅛	LTV	12⅞	12⅞	Unionamerica	1⅞	1⅞
Charter NY	24⅛	25	Litton	9⅛	9⅛	Union Bancorp	9⅞	9⅞
Chase Manhat	30½	32	Lockheed	9	9⅛	Union Carbide	71½	72⅞
Chem Bank NY	34	34⅞	Lucky Stores	15⅞	15⅞	Union Oil Calif	46⅞	46⅞
Chesapeake Ohio	38	38½	Manuf Hanover	33⅞	35⅞	Un Pacific Corp	79⅞	79⅞
Chrysler	14⅞	15⅞	Mapco	40⅞	40⅞e	Uniroyal	9⅞	9⅞
Citicorp	32⅞	33⅞	Marathon Oil	47	48⅞	United Brands	7⅞	7⅞
Cities Service	45⅞	46⅛	Marcor Inc	30⅞	31⅞	Utd Merch & Man	17⅞	17⅞
Clark Equip	34⅛	35⅛	Marine Midland	13½	13⅞	US Industries	9⅞	9½
Coca Cola	89⅛	91⅝	Martin Marietta	19⅞	19½	US Steel	79⅞	82⅞
Colgate	26⅛	27½	McDonnell	17½	17⅞	Utd Technol	56⅞	58⅞
CBS	54½	56⅛	Mead	25½	26	Wachovia	24⅞	24
Columbia Gas	28½	28⅞	Merck	72½	74⅞	Warner Comm	21½	22⅞
Combustion Eng	38⅛	39½	Minnesota Mng	60⅞	62⅞	Warner Lambert	37⅞	38⅞
Comwlth Edison	30½	31⅛	Mobil Oil	56⅞	55⅞	Wells Fargo	17½	18⅞
Cons Edison	16⅞e	17½	Monsanto	93	94⅞	West'n Bancorp	21½	22⅞
Cons Foods	22½	22⅞	Morgan J. P.	60⅞	61⅞	Westinghse Elec	15⅞	16⅞
Cons Power	20⅞	21	Motorola	49	50⅞	Weyerhaeuser	43⅞	44
Continental Can	28⅞	29⅛	NCR Corp	29⅞	29⅞	Whirlpool	26⅞	26⅞
Continental Oil	67⅞	67⅛	NL Industries	18⅞	18½	White Motor	8⅞	8⅞
Control Data	24⅛	25⅛	Nabisco	38⅞	38⅞	Woolworth	23⅞	24⅞
Corning Glass	54⅞	54⅞	Nat Distillers	21⅞	22⅞e	Xerox Corp	62⅞	64⅞
CPC Intnl	45⅞	47⅛	Nat Steel	47⅞	47	Zenith	31⅞	30⅞
Crane	65½	65	Norfolk West	74½	74⅞			
Crocker Int	29½	28	NW Bancorp	47½	47½			
Crown Zeller	42⅛	42⅛	Norton Simon	22⅞	23⅞			
Dart Ind	34⅞	34⅞	Occidental Pet	17⅞	17⅞			
Deere	59	60½	Ogden	19½	19½			
Del Monte	23⅞	23½	Olin Corp	40⅞e	42			
Delta Air	41⅛	42	Otis Elevator	39⅞	39½			
Detroit Edison	14⅞	15	Owens-Illinois	58⅞	59⅞			
Disney	60⅞	62⅛	Pacific Gas Elec	20⅞	21⅛			
Dow Chemical	106⅞	107⅞	Pan Am	5⅞	5⅞			
Dresser Ind	74⅞	74	Penn Central	1⅞	1⅞			
Duke Power	20½	20⅞	Penney J. C.	55	56½			
Du Pont	157⅞	158	Pennzoil	26	26⅞			
Eastern Air	5⅞	5⅞	Pepsico	74	76⅞			
Eastman Kodak	113⅞	113⅞	Pet Inc	26⅞	26½			
Eaton Corp	33⅞	33⅞	Pfizer	29⅞	30⅞			
El Paso Nat Gas	14⅞	15⅝	Phelps Dodge	42⅛	41⅞			
Equitable Life	20⅞	20½	Philip Morris	56⅞	57⅞			
Esmark	37⅞	38	Phillips Petrol	58	57			
Evans P. D.	6⅞	6⅞	Polaroid	38⅞	39⅞			
Exxon Corp	91⅞	91⅞e	PPG Ind	43⅞	43½			
Fed Dept Stores	50½	51⅞	Proctor Gamble	88⅞	89⅞			
Firestone	24⅛	25½	Pub Ser El & Gas	19⅞	19⅞			
Fst Chicago	19⅞	21⅛	Pullman	32⅞	33			
Fst Nat Boston	25½	26⅞	Rapid American	6½	6½			
Fst Penn Corp	15½	16⅞	Raytheon	51	51½			

Canadian Prices

	Feb 5	Feb 4
Abitibi	11½	11½
Alcan Alumin	23⅞	23⅞
Algoma Steel	27½	27⅞
Bell Telephone	45⅞	45⅞
Cominco	36⅞	36⅞
Cons Bathurst	32⅞	31⅞
Falconbridge	34	34
Gulf Oil	28½	30
Hawker/Sid Can	8.00	8.00
Hudson Bay Min	18	18
Hudson Bay Oil	38	37½
Imasco	27	26⅞
Imperial Oil	23⅞	23⅞
Int Pipe	14	14⅞
Mass.-Fergsn	24⅞	25
Royal Trust	23⅞	24⅞
Seagram	30⅞	31
Slater Walker	7⅞	8
Steel Co	23	23⅞
Walker Hiram	31⅞	33⅞
WCT	25	25⅞

e Ex div. a Asked. c Ex distribution. h Bid. k Market Closed. n New issue. p Stock Split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

Foreign exchange.—Sterling, spot, $2.0283 ($2.0314); three months, $2.0065 ($2.0084); Canadian dollar, 100.51c (100.20c).

The Dow Jones averages:—Industrials, 964.81 (976.62); transportation, 199.82 (201.94); utilities, 91.13 (91.90); 65 stocks, 296.16 (299.50). New York Stock Exchange index, 53.44 (54.24); industrials, 59.47 (60.41); transportation, 37.72 (37.93); utilities, 36.04 (36.38); financial, 51.61 (52.36).

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23	9	Rosgill Hldgs	22	..	3.5	16.4	5.3
30	8	Rotaflex	30	+3	1.1	3.7	9.2
36	16	Rotaprint	33	..	4.0	12.2	7.1
35¼	10½	Rothmans Int 'B'	35¼	..	2.6b	7.3	9.3
141	17	Rotork Ltd	141	+1	1.4	1.0	12.1
53	42	Routledge & K	43	..	4.6	10.6	8.0
200	82	Rowntree Mac	196	-1	6.7	3.4	10.1
79	33	Rowton Hotels	77	..	7.4	9.6	10.1
46	27	Royal Sov Grp	43	..	3.4	8.1	5.4
158½	70	Royal Worcs	130	+2	8.0	6.2	6.2
31½	7	Royco Grp	30	..	3.1	10.3	13.8
22	11	Ruberoid	28	..	1.4	5.1	12.8
81	39	Rugby Cement	79	-2	4.2	5.3	10.3
50	16	Do NV	44	-1	3.6	8.1	16.3
49	30	RTD Grp	43	..	11.4	26.5	2.4
17	6	S & U Stores	15	-2	1.3	9.3	15.6
118	35	SGB Grp	109	..	6.6	6.0	6.8
29¾	16	SKF 'B'	£29½	..	47.9	2.0	11.9
35	13	Sabah Timber	30	..	1.9a	6.3	9.3
184	81	Sainsbury J.	177	-1	7.2	5.6	13.4
31	15½	St Gobain	£29¾	+½	63.7	3.8	12.1
78	40	Sale Tilney	72	..	6.5	9.0	6.6
136	46¾	Samuel H.	136	..	7.4b	5.5	7.8
135	45½	Do A	125	..	7.4b	5.8	7.8
85	23	Sanderson Kay	63	..	5.5	10.0	7.4
64	17	Sanger J. E.	63	-1	5.8a	9.2	12.9
94	24½	Sangers	94	..	7.4b	7.9	10.6
34	16	Savoy Hotel 'A'	32	..	0.5	2.3	..
69½	31	Scapa Grp	68½	+½	5.6b	8.2	4.5
300	118	Scholes G. H.	209	+6	20.8	10.4	18.5
45	17	Scotcros	45	..	3.8	8.5	9.1
28	12	Scotts Inv	17 f	..	..	..	16.7
24	9	Scottish TV 'A'	21	..	..e	..	15.8
112	46	Scot Univ Inv	94	+2	7.1	7.6	12.0
48	18½	Sears Hldgs	47	..	2.0	6.3	13.6
71½	31½	Securicor Grp	60	+2	1.6	2.6	12.7
60½	32	Do NV	60	+2	1.6	2.6	12.7
71½	32½	Security Serv	60	+4	2.4	4.0	11.3
70	32¾	Do A	60	+4	2.4	4.0	11.3
21	11	Sekers Int	14½	..	2.3	15.9	9.9
9¾	4½	Sellincourt	6½	-½	1.1	18.2	11.2
45½	16½	Serck	45	-½	3.4	7.5	6.3
26	13	Shakespeare J.	25	..	1.2	4.8	4.8
26	11	Shaw Carpets	26	..	3.2	13.3	5.1
38½	7½	Shaw F	34	..	3.1a	9.1	7.7
58½	32	Sheepbridge	58½	..	4.5	7.7	13.5
36	16	Shellabear Price	35	+2	3.8	10.6	4.3
11	5	Sherman S.	10	..	..	..	..
74	35	Sidlaw Ind	74	+½	7.6	10.2	12.0
180	60	Siebe Gorman	166	-2	7.0b	4.2	9.5
32	13	Siemssen Hunt	31	..	3.0a	9.6	7.8
165	85	Signode 7¾% Cv	£137	..	700	4.5	..
39	10½	Silentnight	36	..	2.4	6.6	16.0
127	56½	Simon Eng	124	..	9.0b	7.2	10.3
48	34	Simpson S.	46	..	4.3	9.4	10.2
48	32	Do A	46	..	4.3	9.4	10.2
36	15	Sirdar	34	..	3.5b	10.3	7.3
69½	26	600 Group	69½	+½	4.9	7.0	6.0
69	29	Sketchley	69	..	5.5	8.0	10.2
46	21½	Slimma Grp	41½	+½	2.6	6.3	7.8
29	18	Small & Tidmas	23	..	3.2	13.7	2.7
33	17	Smith D.S.	39	..	3.2	8.3	5.7
59½	25	Smith & Neph	49	-½	2.9	5.9	11.7
422	126	Smith W. H.	352	-4	13.1	3.7	13.8
151	58	Smiths Ind	151	..	9.1	6.0	8.7
119	48	Smurfit	119	..	10.0	8.4	5.2
23	13	Sobranie	23	..	2.3a	9.7	8.7
23	11	Do NV	23	..	2.2a	8.7	8.7
53	22	Solicitors Law	53	..	5.0	9.5	9.6
152	80	Sparrow G. W.	150	-2	6.5	4.3	11.9
103	33½	Spear & Jackson	98	..	7.3b	7.4	7.1
107	56¾	Spear J. W.	107	..	2.3b	2.2	..
18	8	Spencer Gears	14¼	..	1.4	9.5	12.3
36	23	Spencer G.	31	..	4.0	12.8	6.9
46¼	22¾	Spillers	44	-1	3.9b	8.8	8.4
138	56¾	Spirax-Sarco	138	..	8.7b	6.3	11.5
75	19	Spirella	73	..	4.6	6.1	7.3
35	19	Sponner Ind	35	..	3.3	9.5	6.7
120	60	Staffs Potts	118	..	7.6	6.4	4.9
53	22	Staflex Int	48	+1	3.5	7.4	5.3
110	36	Stag Furniture	100	..	9.0a	9.0	3.6
94	37½	Stanley A. G.	92	..	7.3	7.9	16.9
28	13	Stanwood Radio	25	..	..e	..	..
156	47	Staveley Ind	158	+1	10.8	6.8	10.4
265	100	Steel Bros	210	..	11.9	5.6	20.3
143	57	Steetley Co	143	+5	8.1b	5.7	9.3
22	11	Steinberg	16	..	1.3	8.3	5.9
33	5	Stephen J.	7	..	..	..	..
95	50	Stew't & Ll 8%	80	..	..	..	..
41	13	Stigwood R. Grp	33½	..	2.2a	6.4	9.5
34	12	Stocklake Hldgs	29	..	1.5	5.3	6.3
88	50	Stocks J. & Son	88	..	5.0	5.7	5.4
126	30¾	Stonehill	119	-1	12.3b	10.3	8.7
104	29½	Stone Platt	100	..	4.5b	4.5	6.8
63	15	Storey Bros	63	-1	4.6	7.3	10.2
119	53	Stothert & Pitt	112	-3	12.1	10.8	23.3
98½	40½	Strong & Fisher	92 r	+1	8.8	9.5	4.3
15	7	Sturla G.	15	..	..	..	..
9¾	4½	Sumner F.	6	..	0.8	13.0	3.0
18	9	Sunbeam W'sey	10	-1	..e	..	..
40	23¾	Sutcliffe S'man	40	..	3.3	8.1	5.4
113	46½	Swan Hunter	48½	-6½	8.8	18.8	1.9

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High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
51	20	TPT	50	-1	4.2	8.4	6.3
680	470	Takeda Bdr	640	..	12.0	1.9	14.7
190	68	Tarmac Ltd	183	..	12.3	6.7	9.0
293	106	Tate & Lyle	284	-3	17.1	6.0	5.7
58	32	Taylor Pallis	58	+4	5.7	9.8	5.9
314	73	Taylor Woodrow	309	..	7.2	2.4	12.5
32	14	Telefusion	32	..	1.5	4.7	10.0
31	11	Do A	31	..	1.5	4.8	9.7
124	51	Telephone Rent	105	..	6.7	6.4	10.5
53½	23	Tesco	42	-½	1.9a	4.6	12.7
28	8	Textured Jersey	24	..	..	..	..
44	18	Thermal Synd	44	..	3.6	8.3	5.3
243	37	Thomson Org	243	..	6.7	2.8	..
260	76	Thorn Electric	258 •	+4	8.7	3.4	11.8
260	75	Do A	258 •	+4	8.7	3.4	11.8
7½	4	Thurgar Bardex	7	..	..	..	..
256	100	Tilbury Cont	240	..	23.5	9.8	5.3
87	19	Tilling T.	87	+1	5.0b	5.7	10.5
45	13	Time Products	45	+1	2.1b	4.7	4.7
18	9	Titaghur Jute	11	..	..	..	..
356	127	Tobacco Sec Tst	334	+2	17.5	7.5	19.3
990	510	Do Dfd	845	+10	61.5	7.3	19.3
14	7	Tomkins F. H.	13	-½	1.2a	9.2	7.4
45	15½	Tootal	44	..	3.1	7.1	9.9
33	18	Toye	30	..	1.9	6.4	6.1
63	18	Tozer Kemsley	52	+1	3.2	6.1	19.7
114¾	54	Trafalgar H Inv	112	-2	7.1b	6.3	10.6
55½	29½	Trans Paper	48	-1	5.6	11.7	4.7
82	25	Transport Dev	55	..	4.1	7.5	10.1
23½	9½	Tranwood Grp	13½	..	2.3	18.5	3.4
135	28	Travis & Arnold	135	+2	4.4	3.3	9.4
29	13	Tricoville	27	..	1.8	6.7	4.4
77	32	Trident TV 'A'	38	..	3.3	8.6	16.7
69	19	Triplex Found	69	+6	4.6	6.7	8.4
130	40	Trust Hse Forte	130	..	11.3	8.7	26.8
348	131	Tube Invest	346	-2	25.8	7.5	7.8
205	52	Tunnel Hldgs 'B'	198	..	12.9	6.5	11.1
10½	4	Turner Curzon	10¼	..	1.1	10.5	6.3
171	71	Turner Newall	168	-3	11.6	6.9	11.1
89	17	Turner Mfg	66 •	-1	5.0	7.6	7.3
90	28	Turriff	75	+1	5.3	7.1	23.1
81	20	UBM Grp	74	+1	6.5	8.7	12.2
112	42½	UDS Grp	93	-1	7.4	8.0	9.6
114	45½	UK Optical	114	..	6.5b	5.7	10.2
11	3	U U Textiles	4	..	..	..	..
71¼	34	Unicorn Ind	69	-½	6.4	9.2	8.2
59½	24	Unigate	57½	..	3.9	6.8	10.7
480	170	Unilever	456	-4	16.0	3.6	10.9
24	13¾	Do NV	£21	+1½	80.0	3.3	13.9
110	55	Unitech	104	..	9.2	8.9	10.0
121	36½	Utd Biscuit	119	-1	4.4	3.7	14.6
32	12½	Utd City Merc	32	..	1.4	4.4	6.7
37	15	Utd Eng	24	..	2.6	11.6	9.6
30	7½	Utd Gas Ind	28	+½	1.3	4.5	13.5
10¼	6	Utd Ind	9	..	..	..	30.0
266	104	Utd News	265	..	17.2	6.5	6.4
97	15½	Utd Scientific	94	..	4.0	4.3	9.3
11½	2½	Venesta	2½ f	..	..	..	..
280	160	Vereeniging Ref	260	+10	17.0	6.5	6.0
39	15¼	Vetco	£22½	+1½	..	..	43.8
122	42	Vibroplant	122	..	13.3	10.9	9.2
170	64	Vickers	165	-2	11.7	7.1	7.0
28	9½	Vita-Tex	26	..	3.4	13.0	7.9
108	52	Vosper	84 •	..	5.8	6.9	2.6
31	14	W Ribbons	31	..	2.9	9.3	5.8
72	24	WGI	72	+2	4.8	6.7	6.2
33	14	Wade Potteries	28½	..	1.6	5.8	6.7
75	33	Wadkin	72	-1	6.3e	9.5	4.3
101	38	Wagon Ind	99	..	8.8b	8.8	6.4
23½	6	Walker & Homer	21½	-½	1.8	8.4	4.5
97	69	Walker C & W	92	..	4.3a	4.6	6.3
48	24	Walker J. Gold	40	..	2.7	6.8	4.6
43	21	Do NV	40	..	2.7	6.8	4.6
59	17	Walmsley Bury	59 h	..	..	..	..
97	31	Ward & Gold	97	..	6.9	7.1	8.9
65	25	Ward T. W.	61½	..	5.6	9.2	8.6
79½	20¾	Waring & Gillow	73 s	+½	4.5	6.1	8.0
133	52	Warren J.	58	-2	..b	..	..
36	13	Warrington T.	33	..	4.4	13.4	9.7
35	15	Waterford Glass	24	..	1.1b	4.6	9.2
70	24½	Watson & Philip	66	..	3.0	4.6	12.6
118	53	Watts Blake	118	..	3.7	3.2	9.4
45¾	23¼	Wearwell	30	..	5.2	17.4	7.3
89	24½	Weir Grp	89	..	6.5b	7.2	19.6
37½	14½	Wellman Eng	34 •	..	3.0	8.8	9.1
43	23	Westbrick Pds	38	..	3.8	9.9	8.4
61	24½	Westland Air	61	..	4.0a	6.5	11.0
79	33	Weston Pharm	76 h	-1	3.3	4.3	13.7
518	82	Weyburn Eng	506 •	-7	9.3b	1.8	11.4
42	10	Wharf Mill	42	..	1.9	4.5	10.6
9¾	5	Whatlings	9¾	..	0.6	6.6	8.3
173	67	W'sheaf Dist	151	..	7.8b	5.1	13.0
79½	28	Wh'lock Mar	73	-2½	..	..	..
62	25	Whessoe	56	-1	2.5	4.5	..
17	6½	Wheway Watson	16	..	0.8	5.1	5.4
65	32	White Child	65	..	4.5	6.9	7.7
110	40	Whitecroft	100	..	7.7a	7.7	5.1
51	27	Whiteley BSW	36	..	4.2	11.7	..
71	30	Wholesale Fitt	68	..	6.8	10.0	5.3
210	40	Wigfall H.	210	..	6.1	2.9	4.8
15	7	Wiggins Constr	14	..	1.9	13.7	11.0
34	17	Wilkins & Mit	38	..	..	..	..
155	54	Wilkins'n Match	153	..	10.9	7.1	16.6
90	54	Do 10% Conv	£87	..	1000	11.5	..
39	13½	Wms Hudson	17	-½	0.2	0.9	..
33	16	Wms J. Cardiff	29	..	2.8	9.5	4.1
46	20	Wills G. & Sons	45	..	1.9	4.2	4.4
37½	7	Wilmot Breeden	37½	..	2.3	5.8	32.1
21½	6	Wilson Bros	17½	..	..	..	7.9
72½	18½	Wimpey G	64	+2	0.8	1.3	10.0
30	10	Winn Ind	28½	-½	3.3b	11.0	9.0
143	70	Winsor Newton	143	..	10.1	7.1	10.2
27	14	Witter T.	20	..	0.9	4.7	6.2
144	40	W'sley Hughes	143	-1	9.2b	6.5	8.8
145	47	W'holm Bronze	140	..	9.9b	6.8	7.6
20	11	Wombwell Fdry	19½	..	1.5	7.7	4.7
15	11	Wood & Sons	13	..	0.9	9.8	7.5
65	35	Wood Bastow	63	..	5.3	8.4	7.5
42	23	Wood S. W.	42	..	4.9	11.7	5.4
13	6½	Wood W.	5 f	..	..	..	..
97	29	Wood Hall Tst	91	..	6.1	6.7	9.1
98	43	Woodhead J.	90	..	8.1	9.1	4.5
41	14½	W'dh'se Rixson	41	..	3.0b	7.2	6.8
77½	38½	Woolworth	77	-½	6.1	7.9	19.5
86	23	Worth Bond	56	..	6.1b	10.4	..
37	13	Wrighton F.	35	-1	2.8	6.1	16.5
32	21	Wyatt W Hldgs	28	-1	3.9	14.0	4.0
163	97	Yarrow & Co	145	..	5.8	4.0	1.9
32	11	York Trailer	37	..	2.6	9.6	..
91½	37½	Youghal C'pts	87	..	7.5b	8.6	8.5
14	6½	Young H. Hldgs	7	..	..e	..	..
27½	14	Zetters	23	..	1.5	6.3	5.3

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
230	150	Akroyd & Sm	230	..	19.2	8.4	4.7
77	14	Ang-Cont Inv	58	..	..	..	23.4
300	90	Assam Trdng 'B'	300	..	3.8	1.9	4.4
27	11	Boustead	25	+1½	1.7	6.7	7.9
18	6	Brit Debt Serv	18	..	..	..	..
97	40	BET Dfd	94	..	6.5	6.9	11.9
177	109	Challenge Corp	182	..	7.6	4.3	20.0
19½	6	Chancery Cons	18½ sk	..	0.4a	1.5	13.9
88	5	Charterhse Grp	57	..	4.7	8.2	15.8
83	29¼	C Fin de Suez	£80¼	..	..	..	..
226	96	Daily Mail Tst	196	..	14.7	7.5	15.3
220	94	Do A	196	..	14.7	7.5	15.3
250	83	Dalgety	226	-1	12.5	5.5	83.7
28½	8	Dawnay Day	23½	+½	0.8	3.3	..
18	4	Edin Ind Hldgs	7½	..	..	..	..
70	27	FC Finance	50	+2	..	..	..
29	13	Goode D & M Grp	28	-3	1.2	4.5	9.3
420	183	Inchcape	398	-2	11.8	2.9	12.6
11	11	Jessel Secs	11 f	..	5.3	47.7	1.3
6	6	Do Dfd	6 f	..	..	..	..
26	15	Kwahu Co	20	..	2.3b	11.6	8.0
95	27	Lloyds & Scot	93	-1	5.0	5.3	15.6
54	23	Ldn & Euro Grp	47	+1	2.4	5.1	..
82	42	Ldn Utd Inv	55	-1	5.3b	9.6	11.4
35	20	Manson Fin	34	..	5.0	14.7	8.6
72	25	Martin R. P.	67	-1	9.1	13.6	9.8
14½	14½	Mourgate Merc	14½ f	..	1.4	9.5	6.9
27	12	NMC Invest	21	..	2.0	9.5	13.5
96	34	Prov Fin Grp	79	+3	6.1b	7.7	6.9
134½	42	Sime Darby	132	-1	2.0	1.5	29.9
66	18	Smith Bros	65	..	6.2	9.5	9.0
775	600	Tyndall O'seas	760	..	46.4	6.2	..
34	11	Utd Dom Tst	28	+2	..	..	..
7½	2	Vavasseur	4	..	..b	..	..
56	11	Wagon Fin	56	+2	4.6	8.3	7.8
36	20	Western Sel	31	..	2.8	8.9	10.8
45	31	Yule Catto	28½	-½	1.7	6.0	11.6

INSURANCE

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
33	19	Bowring	82	..	3.3	4.6	..
96	38¾	Brentnall Beard	88	-2	5.3b	6.0	12.9
160	89	Britannic	154	..	10.8	7.0	..
198	72	Com Union	147	-2	10.4	7.1	..
143	56¼	Eagle Star	143	..	7.7b	5.4	..
196	50	Equity & Law	178	-2	7.6	4.3	..
189	67	Gen Accident	181	-2	8.5	4.7	..
228	93½	Guardian Royal	221	-1	11.9b	5.4	..
282	82	Heath C. E.	262	-2	9.6	3.4	13.3
198	36¼	Hogg Robinson	156 •	-2	5.1	3.3	13.6
148	30	Howden A.	122	..	3.7b	2.8	15.0
150½	56½	Legal & Gen	142	..	6.7b	4.7	..
125	33	Leslie & Godwin	105	-1	5.2	5.0	13.5
138	48	London & Man	124	..	6.9	5.1	..
180	62	Matthews W'son	177	..	11.4	6.5	14.6
124	38½	Minet Hldgs	107	-1	3.6	3.4	18.8
250	92	Pearl	242	..	14.8	6.1	..
240	107	Phoenix	238	-2	12.7	5.3	..
147	60	Prov Life 'A'	147	+2	10.2	7.0	..
142	60	Do A Br	142	..	10.2	7.2	..
142	60	Do B	142	..	10.2	7.2	..
143	60	Do B Br	142	..	10.2	7.2	..
145	60	Prudential	137	-8	7.8b	5.7	..
260	110	Refuge 'A'	250	..	19.3	7.7	..
130	48	Do B	128	..	9.6	7.5	..
340	143½	Royal	338	-2	20.8b	6.1	..
278	95	Sedg. Forbes	247	..	12.0a	4.9	19.2
91	34¾	Stenhouse	90 r	+2	5.6b	6.2	12.0
465	207¼	Sun Alliance	462	-3	24.3	5.3	..
98	32	Sun Life	95	-1	3.9	4.1	..
147	78	Trade Indem'ty	147	..	10.1	6.9	..

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
138	48	Aberdeen Trst	128	..	5.4	4.2	43.0
209	87½	Alliance Trust	202	..	8.1	4.0	34.9
40	15	Amer Trust	38½	-1¼	2.1	5.4	26.7
104	42	Ang-Amer Secs	101	..	3.3	3.3	40.7
37	22	Anglo Int Inv	34	..	4.0	11.8	13.9
86	16	Do Ass	82	+2	..	..	..
44	16½	Anglo. Scot	40½	..	2.2	5.3	32.9
114	47	Ashdown Inv	110½	..	4.7	4.2	34.7
44½	12½	ABC Regional	40	-1	0.6	1.5	..
60	14	Atlantic Assets	41½	-½	0.6	1.5	..
49½	15	Atlas Electric	47½	+½	1.8	3.7	35.7
51	23	Bankers Inv	48½	..	2.9b	6.0	23.1
46½	18	Berry Trust	46¼	..	1.0	2.4	64.3
251	106½	Border & Sthrn	248½	+½	7.4	3.0	44.0
37	16	Brit Am & Gen	34½	..	1.9	5.4	25.0
54½	19¾	Brit Assets Tst	51½	-1	2.2	4.2	34.8
9½	4	Brit Emp Sec	8	..	0.8	9.6	13.3
153	63¼	Brit Invest	147	-2	5.2b	3.5	42.8
132½	48	Broadstone	131½	..	4.8	3.6	38.0
77	31	Brunner	76	..	4.0	5.3	29.2
56	27	Brycourt Inv	54	-2	2.6	4.8	45.0
64	29½	CLRP Inv	60	-1	2.2	3.6	38.8
139	56½	Cable Trust	132	-1	6.5	4.9	28.2
178	76	Caledonia Inv	177	..	10.6	6.0	22.0
68	27	Caledonian Tst	66	-½	2.0	3.0	52.6
63	25½	Do B	63	..	..	..	..
5½	3	Cannon St	5¼ f	..	2.0	35.6	..
105	42	Capital & Natl	104	..	5.0	4.8	..
98½	44	Do B	96½	-1	..	..	..
138½	57	Cardinal 'Dfd'	138½	..	6.5	4.7	..
116	47	Carliol Inv	113½	-½	3.9	3.4	41.6
58	25¼	Cedar Inv	55	..	2.9	5.3	26.8
48	19	Charter Trust	46½ •	-½	2.4	5.1	29.2
67	27	Clydesdale Inv	64½	..	2.1b	3.3	50.4
61¾	26½	Do B	61 s	..	..	..	..
13	8½	Common Mkt	£11	..	30.5	2.8	..
179	56½	Cont & Ind	176½	+1½	6.9	3.9	38.0
14	14	Corporate Guar	14 f	..	..	..	..
63	26	Crossfriars	61	..	3.7	6.0	20.0
28	14	Cumulus	22	..	1.1	4.9	32.4
93½	35	Delta Inv	93½	..	..	..	..
140	75	Derby Tst 'Inc'	134 •	..	16.4	12.2	15.8
125	40	Do Cap	112	..	..	..	..
131	60¼	Drayton Com	124	+1	5.2	4.2	34.0
142	62	Drayton Cons	137	-1	5.8	4.2	31.9
192	89	Do Premier	181	-1	7.7	4.2	32.3
52½	20	Dundee & Ldn	51	..	2.9b	5.6	27.1
61	18	E & W Inv	52½	..	1.5	2.9	40.7
135½	50½	Edin & Dundee	133½	..	4.2b	3.1	..
196	82	Edinburgh Inv	188	-2	7.6	4.1	36.9
67	22	Elec & Gen	63	..	1.5b	2.4	70.0
71½	30	Embankment	67½	-½	3.0	4.4	30.3
69	30	Eng & Caledon'n	65	-1	3.2	5.0	28.8
87	41	Eng & Int	85	-2	4.9b	5.7	25.8
71½	27	Eng & N York	70	..	2.9	4.2	35.0
140	63	Eng & Scottish	128	..	5.0	3.9	34.2
129	63	Do B	117	..	0.3	0.2	..
280	98¼	Estate Duties	271	..	10.6b	4.0	36.7
265	185	Estates House	235	..	3.1b	1.4	..
87	30	First Scot Am	83	..	3.4	4.1	36.1
148	58	Foreign & Colnl	146½	..	3.7	2.5	51.4
116	33	Gt Japan Inv	112 •	..	0.8	0.7	..
123½	42	Gen Funds 'Ord'	122½	+2	5.5	4.5	62.8
98	30	Do Conv	96	..	..	..	..
89¼	34	Gen Inv & Tsts	88	..	4.3b	4.9	27.2
75	38	Gen Scottish	69½	..	4.0	5.8	34.9
80	33	Glenderon	74½	..	2.0	2.7	37.6
92	37	Globe Trust	87½	-½	4.2	4.7	28.9
63	28	Grange Trust	67 •	..	2.4	3.6	36.6
92	36	Great Northern	89 •	+1	5.0	5.6	25.1
73½	32	Greenfriar	64	..	1.5	2.4	68.8
44	22	Gresham Hse	42	..	4.6	11.0	..
69	33	Guardian	65½	..	2.7	4.1	36.8
83½	41	Hambros 'A'	75	..	6.5	8.3	33.2
67	31	Do B	64	..	..	..	..
47	14	Harcros	38	..	2.3	5.7	24.7
143	47	Hill P. Inv	142	..	7.7	5.4	27.4
58	37	Hume Hldgs 'A'	55	+½	4.3	7.8	44.8
54	24	Do B	49½	+½	..	..	..
45½	16¾	Indus & General	44	..	1.8	4.0	33.1
63	26½	Internat Inv	62	..	2.8	4.5	29.5
114½	41	Invest in Suc	106	+1	3.2	3.0	46.5
188	73	Inv Tst Corp	184	+1	7.0	3.8	36.6
71	23½	Inv Cap Trst	69½ •	..	1.5	2.2	60.4
134	39½	Jardine Japan	128	..	0.8	0.6	..
125	87	Jersey Ext	124	..	..	..	..
47	33	Joseph L.	46	..	1.8	3.8	33.3
32	13	Kellock Conv	25	+2	..	..	..
79½	22	Lake View Inv	77½	..	2.3	3.0	48.4
81	30	Law Deb Corp	79	..	5.4	6.9	..
97	38	Ldn & Holyrood	96	..	3.9b	4.1	34.9
160	63	Ldn & Montrose	159 •	..	6.2b	3.9	37.9
97	39	Ldn & Prov Tst	96	..	3.7	3.8	38.7
77	31	Ldn Elec & Gen	77 •	..	3.7	4.8	26.7
45	15	Ldn Intercont	45 f	..	..	..	..
47	11	Ldn Merch Sec	42	..	1.0b	2.5	..
44	11	Do Cap	38	..	..	..	..
53	21	Ldn Pru Invest	53	..	2.9	5.5	26.3
124	49	Ldn Scot Amer	121	..	5.5	4.5	29.7
163	57¼	Ldn Trust	158	..	7.7b	4.9	28.7
36	18½	Mercantile Inv	35	..	2.5b	7.3	22.7
81	24	Merchants Trust	80	-½	2.8	4.6	30.0
48½	17½	Monks Inv	44½	..	1.7	3.7	37.7
79½	45	New Court Euro	49½	-1	2.9	5.9	23.2
15¾	7	New Throg 'Inc'	15½	..	2.4b	15.4	8.7
65	14	Do Cap	57	+2	..	..	..
93½	41	North Atlantic	91½	..	2.9	3.2	42.6
91	31	Northern Amer	88½	+½	3.5	4.0	37.2
88	33	Northern Sec	87	..	3.8	4.3	34.8
46	19	Oil & Associated	41	..	2.5	6.1	22.4
101	37	Pentland	98½	+½	4.4	4.4	34.8
84½	23	Progressive Sec	84	..	3.5	4.1	29.5
41½	24	Prop Inv & Fin	41	..	..	..	..
121	46	Raeburn	118 •	-½	4.9	4.1	34.2
150	53	River & Merc	150	-1	9.2	6.6	..
119	46	River Plate	113	..	6.5	5.7	..
83	32	Romney Trust	80½	-½	3.2	4.0	34.1
424	254	Rothschild	294	+1	14.7	5.0	21.8
62	30	Safeguard	50	..	4.3	8.6	16.3
69½	24½	Scot Amer	64½	-½	2.8	4.3	..
69	30½	Scot&Cont'l Inv	58	..	1.5	2.6	63.4
41	15	Scot & Merc 'A'	40	..	3.8	9.5	11.9
121	48½	Scot Eastern	120	+½	4.5	3.7	36.9
55	27	Scot European	43½	-½	1.7	3.9	34.8
85	37	Scot Invest	94	-1	3.2	3.4	45.2
108	43½	Scot Mortgage	104	-2	3.5	3.4	41.9
134	47½	Scot National	132	-3	4.2	3.2	43.6
85	36	Scot Northern	86½	-1	3.6	4.4	41.7
89½	36¼	Scot United	85½	-1	2.2b	2.6	54.1
85	32½	Scot Western	81½	-1	2.5	3.1	43.4
81	31	Do B	78½	-1	..	..	..
173	71	Sec Alliance	167	-1	6.6b	4.0	34.2
156	58	Sec Brit Ass	154	-1	2.3	1.5	42.4
74	31	Sec Gt Northern	71	-1	2.3b	3.2	46.4
72	32½	Do B	69	-½	..	..	..
90½	33	Sec Scot Inv	88	-1	2.9	3.3	42.9
124	57	Standard Trust	123	..	6.5	5.3	25.2
154½	63	Sterling Trust	154	..	5.9	3.8	37.1
83½	32¾	Stockholders	79	-½	2.2	2.8	27.9
68	30	Throg Sec 'Cap'	68	..	..	..	..
63	22	Throgmtn Trust	53	..	5.6	10.5	13.4
57	26½	Triplevest 'Inc'	55½	+½	5.8	10.4	15.4
131	30	Do Cap	123	..	..	..	..
117½	44	Trustees Corp	113½	..	4.5	4.0	32.9
111	50	Tyneside Inv	110	-1	3.9	3.5	44.4
222	89	Utd Brit Secs	222	..	9.9b	4.4	33.7
86	34	Utd States Deb	85½	-½	3.7	4.4	31.9
170	59	Utd States Gen	170 •	..	6.6	3.9	34.1
74	28	Viking Res	54½	..	0.8	1.6	69.9
27	27	Whinsparken	27 f	..	..	..	..
168	62	W'bottom Trust	166 •	..	5.4	3.2	42.7
78½	35	Witan Inv	76½	-1	2.3b	3.0	..
74	34	Do B	72	-½	0.1	0.1	..
142	55	Yeoman Tst	141	..	7.3b	5.1	26.9
36	16	Yorks & Lancs	22	..	1.6b	7.4	22.4
53	20	Young Co Inv	51	+½	4.0b	7.8	17.0

SHIPPING

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
215	82	Brit & Comm	212	-2	11.6	5.5	9.8
86	60	Fisher J.	83	..	3.6	4.3	4.3
250	111	Furness Withy	215	-2	9.8	4.6	4.9
173	75	Hunting Gibson	145	..	13.9a	9.6	4.7
26½	11	Jacobs J. I.	23½ •	..	2.3b	9.8	6.8
66	17	Ldn & O'seas Fr	37½	-1	5.0	13.2	1.4
265	152	Manch Liners	265	..	7.7	2.9	7.3
146½	62	Ocean Trans	139½ r	..	10.3a	7.3	15.0
127	60	P & O 'Dfd'	116	+1	8.1	6.9	..
134	69½	Runciman W	131	..	10.4	7.9	5.8

MINES

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
535	500	Anglo Am Coal	500	..	21.9	4.4	..
518	312	Anglo Am Corp	337	+5	16.6	4.9	..
45½	24½	Ang Am Gold	£26¾	-½	148	5.5	..
34	15¾	Anglo Am Inv	£30	..	192	6.4	..
16½	8½	Anglo Transvl	£12¼	..	57.1	4.7	..
16½	8½	Do A	£12¼	..	57.1	4.7	..
170	77	Ayer Hitam	158	..	20.0	12.7	..
36	11	Beralt Tin	19	..	2.7	14.2	..
112	48	Bishopsgate Pl	99	-1	3.4	3.4	..
10½	5¾	Blyvoors	£6⅞	..	51.2	8.5	..
112	42	Botswana RST	56	+1	..	..	..
360	160	Bracken Mines	150	..	34.6	19.2	..
242	145	BH South	180	-7	..	..	..
21¾	11	Buffelsfontein	£12¾	-½	102	8.1	..
303	88	Charter Cons	167	+4	9.9	6.0	..
267	184	Cons Gold Fields	196	..	10.3	5.3	..
23	5	Daggafontein	7	..	..	..	..
334	160	De Beers 'Dfd'	325	-1	16.5	5.1	..
14¼	5¹³⁄₁₆	Doornfontein	£6	-⅛	37.5	6.3	..
14¼	2¾	Durban Rond	£3⅛	..	..	..	..
105	25	East Dagga	26	..	..	..	..
12½	7⅛	E Driefontein	£8⅝	..	42.7	..	..
31	16	E Rand Cons	23½	-½	1.4	6.3	..
13¾	4¾	E. Rand Prop	£4¾	-½	19.9	4.3	..
455	150	Elsburg Gold	167	-3	19.2	..	..
18	13	Ex-Lands	16	..	2.3	14.4	..
27¾	18¾	F S Geduld	£21¼	-¼	219	10.3	..
435	230	Geduld Inv	300	+5	22.7	7.1	..
244	153	Geevor Tin	135	..	..	..	..
38½	17¼	Gen Mining	£23	..	139b	6.1	..
18	8	Gold & Base	12	+1	..	..	..
297	154	Gopeng Cons	160 •	..	16.9	9.4	..
89	35	Gt Boulder Gold	74 h	..	1.2	..	..
360	95	Grootvlei	100	..	11.4	11.4	..
225	117	Hamersley	175	-5	..	..	..
138	60	Hampton Gold	70	..	1.8	2.6	..
880¼	380¼	Harmony	450	..	51.8	11.5	..
31	13	Hartebeest	£15	..	123	8.2	..
27½	12	Jo'burg Cons	£21 •	-1	95.0	4.5	..
820	385	Kinross	425	-15	36.0	8.5	..
13¾	5¾	Kloof	£6¾	..	31.3	5.0	..
198	53	Leslie	64	-1	..	..	..
17¼	5	Libanon	£5⅞	-¼	50.0	8.9	..
195	106	Ldn Tin	148	..	10.8	7.3	..
153	50	Lydenburg Plat	100	-3	1.6	1.6	..
244	117	MIM Hldgs	217	-5	6.1	2.8	..
100	64	MTD (Mangula)	95	..	14.8	15.6	..
290	95	Malayan Tin	168	..	16.5	9.8	..
550	150	Marievale Con	158	-10	23.9	16.0	..
390	198	Messina Trans	310	..	19.7	6.3	..
87	32	Metals Explor	47	..	..	..	..
330	260	Middle Wits	330	-5	16.0	4.8	..
315	182	Minorco	224	+2	6.6	3.0	..
370	200	Nthgate Explor	350	..	..	..	..
44½	24½	Pahang Cons	36	..	2.3b	9.3	..
530	235	Peko Wallsend	530	+10	..	..	..
248	100	Potgietersrust	180	-6	2.8a	1.8	..
26	15	Pres Brand	£27¾	-¾	168	9.7	..
22¾	9¼	Pres Steyn	£20¾	-¼	84.0	8.1	..
395	170	Rand Mine Prop	185	..	7.3	4.0	..
34	13	Randfontein	£15	-½	..	..	..
11	6¹⁄₁₆	Rand Select	£7	-⅛	41.7	6.0	..
24	15½	Rhodesian Corp	19	..	0.6	4.4	..
210	77	Rio Tinto-Zinc	198	-3	8.5b	4.3	..
440	150	Roan Cons 'B'	165	..	..	..	..
39½	18¼	St Helena	£21¼	-½	166	7.8	..
690	320	Selection Tst	512	-12	21.5	4.2	..
450	185	Sentrust	200	-3	17.0	8.5	..
80	27	Silvermines	57	-3	2.4	4.2	..
746¾	145	SA Land	170	-10	17.1	10.0	..
13¾	5	Southvaal	£5⅝	..	4.8a	..	..
178	73	Sthn Malayan	105	..	16.5	15.7	..
58	31	Sungei Besi	31	..	..	..	..
230	92	Tanj Cons	174	+2	9.3	5.3	..
88	43	Tanjong Tin	43 •	..	6.2	14.3	..
310	270	Tharsis Sulph	310	..	..	..	..
15¾	5½	Transvaal Cons	£12	+¼	37.0	3.1	..
94	41	Tronoh Mines	60	-1	6.6	11.0	..
470	240	UC Invest	260	..	20.4	7.8	..
575	360	Union Corp	415	-5	28.2	6.8	..
212	93	Union Plat	130	-1	2.8	2.1	..
33	16¼	Vaal Reefs	£19	-½	99.6	5.2	..
11½	2³⁄₁₆	Venterspost	£3⅛	..	18.9	5.9	..
50	27½	Wankie Colliery	47	-2	3.3	6.9	..
212	92	Waterval Plat	135	-1	3.0	2.2	..
520	240	Welkom	305	-5	38.5	..	..
54¾	27¼	W Driefontein	£29	+⅛	250	8.6	..
500	120	W Rand Cons	138	-2	5.7	4.1	..
745	235	Western Areas	255	..	29.5	11.6	..
22¾	12	Western Deep	£13½	-⅛	84.0	6.3	..
39¾	21¼	Western Hldgs	£24½	-½	318	12.9	..
213	137	Western Mining	152	+1	3.9	2.6	..
13¾	6⁵⁄₁₆	Winkelhaak	£7¾	..	71.9	9.9	..
70	32	Zambia Copper	37	..	..	..	..

OIL

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
73	37½	Ampol Pet	63½	..	3.4	5.4	15.5
70	53	Attock	54	..	..	..	..
68	30½	Berry Wiggins	48	..	3.0a	6.2	10.3
172	68	Brit Borneo	116	..	7.9	6.8	15.3
612½	191	BP	583	..	26.5	4.6	4.2
100	25	Burmah Oil	46	-4	..	..	..
29	13	CF Petroles	£25¾	..	122	4.8	3.8
81	34	Oil Exploration	77	..	2.5b	3.2	..
13	7	Premier Cons	9	..	..	..	..
19¼	8⁹⁄₁₆	Ranger Oil	£13³⁄₁₆	+⅛	..	..	..
5	2¾	Reynolds Div	4½	..	..	..	..
37¾	17¼	Royal Dutch	£37¾	+½	147	3.9	6.7
402	119	Shell	388	-4	19.7	5.1	5.0
82¾	13¼	Tricentrol	55	..	..	..	15.4
221	66	Ultramar	197	-4	..	..	4.4

PROPERTY

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
56	31	Allied Ldn	41	..	3.5	8.5	7.7
146	59	Allnatt Ldn	146	+1	4.9	3.3	28.3
22	12	Amal Inv	21	..	..	..	..
117	49	Apex Props	117	+1	2.5a	2.1	23.4
20	8½	Aquis Secs	19½	..	0.8	4.3	75.0
51	15	Argyle Secs	51	..	..	..	35.2
97	43	Artagen Props	88	..	2.4	3.0	29.1
72	27	Beaumont Prop	72	..	4.0	5.6	22.0
67	23¼	Bellway Hldgs	51	..	3.5	6.9	9.8
105	50	Berkeley Hmbro	150	+3	5.0	3.3	35.7
166	50	Bilton Percy	162	..	6.2b	3.8	30.3
153	48¾	Do Accum	150	..	0.3	0.2	..
139	56	Bradford Prop	139	+2	8.2	5.9	8.1
25½	10	Brit Anzani	16	-1	..	..	..
40½	7	British Land	40½	+1	..	..	..
93¼	31¼	Brixton Estate	88½	+½	2.6	2.9	34.3
44	17	Burton M. Prop	41	-1	1.9	4.6	21.5
38	11	Cap & Counties	18½	+1	0.0a	0.1	13.9
50	13	Centrovincial	42	+1	..	..	..
49	13	Do Cap	40	+1	..	..	..
160	66	Chesterfield	147	..	4.6	3.1	26.0
44	6½	Chown Secs	19½	+½	..	..	..
145	65	Churchbury Est	142	..	5.5	3.9	38.2
54	30	City Offices	45	..	2.1	4.5	26.8
28	9¼	County & New T	21½	..	1.0	4.7	15.7
37	14	County & Dist	26½	..	0.2	0.5	..
55	21	Daejan Hldgs	54	..	4.5	8.3	33.8
92	35	Eng Prop	72½	-½	3.5	4.9	40.3
21	10	Estates & Gen	16	..	..	..	..
60	26½	Estates Prop	60	+1½	3.6	6.0	24.2
64	35	Evans of Leeds	64	..	3.0	4.7	17.8
27	8	Forum	24	..	0.4	1.6	58.5
14	5	Fraternal Est	8	..	..	..	..
192	85	Glanfield Secs	170	..	17.3	10.2	12.7
266	118	Gt Portland	258	..	5.0	1.9	62.9
27½	12	Green R.	25	..	2.1	8.2	54.3
66	22	Guildhall	66	..	3.3b	5.0	20.6
470	153	Hammerson	388	..	7.0	1.8	50.5
470	153	Do A	388	..	7.0	1.8	50.5
242	94	Haslemere Ests	216	+2	4.3b	1.9	32.0
58	24	Intereuropean	58	+3	3.3	5.7	..
53	15	IPH	21	..	..	..	..
90	24	Land & House	89	..	5.8	6.5	34.9
232	77½	Land Secs	190	-3	6.8	3.6	33.9
101¾	40	Law Land	77½	..	3.6b	4.6	38.0
55	28	Ldn & Prov Sh	53	..	0.9	1.7	47.7
20	6	Ldn City & Westclf	19	..	0.1e	0.4	..
62	31	Ldn Shop	60	-1	4.6	7.6	46.2
107	40	Lynton Hldgs	82	..	2.9b	3.6	32.8
209	53	MEPC	89	-1	..	..	..
26	13	Marler Estates	18	..	..	..	..
50	27	Maybrook	30	-1	3.4	11.4	18.4
29	8	Midhurst Whites	15	..	..	..	..
140	100	Municipal	115	..	5.8	5.0	7.7
53	21	Peachey Prop	39 •	-½	0.4e	1.0	29.9
202	85	Prop & Rever	202	..	6.0a	3.0	33.5
200	83	Do A	200	..	6.0a	3.0	33.5
244	92	Prop Hldgs	241	+2	8.2b	3.4	46.7
86	30	Prop Sec	66 •	..	2.4	3.6	..
10¾	3¼	Raglan Prop	4¾	..	..	..	..
68	34	Regional	50	-2	1.5	3.1	40.7
68	25	Do A	46	-3½	1.5	3.3	37.4
46	14½	Samuel Props	42	-1	..	..	29.4
89¼	32¾	Scot Met Props	85	..	2.7b	3.2	36.2
97½	35	Slough Ests	89½	-1	2.9	3.3	36.1
188	62	Stock Conv	181	-2	2.5b	1.4	30.1
197	90	Sunley B.	182	+4	6.1	4.0	..
35	8	Town & City	21½	+1½	0.0	0.1	..
35	9	Town & Com	12½	+½	..b	..	..
60	34	Trafford Park	57	-1	4.6	8.0	10.7
22	7½	UK Props	16	-½	..	..	..
21½	7¼	Webb J.	21½	..	1.2a	5.7	19.4
36	10	W'mster & C'ty	20	..	..	..	..
47	12	Wingate Inv	36½	..	0.0	0.1	..
9	1½	Woodmill	3¾	-¼	..	..	..

RUBBER

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
46½	25	Anglo-Indonesia	46	+½	3.9	8.4	..
68	45	Bradwall FMS	64½	..	3.1	4.8	..
90	37	Castlefield	84	+1	3.5b	4.2	..
31½	17	Chersonese	28	+½	1.6	5.7	..
69½	35½	Cons Plant	61½	-3	5.0	8.1	..
10	8½	Doranakande	10	..	1.4	13.6	..
73	47	Gadek	62	..	2.8	4.5	..
58	28½	Golden Hope	53	+1	3.0	5.7	..
8½	5½	Grand Central	6½	..	0.8	11.5	..
237½	106¾	Guthrie Corp	179 •	..	10.2	5.7	..
57½	32	Highlds & Low	46½	+2	0.9	2.0	..
55	45	Hongkong	51	..	2.0	4.0	..
110	85	Killinghall	98	..	9.0	9.1	..
32½	17½	Kulim Malaysia	29½	+½	2.1	7.1	..
57½	28½	Ldn Asiatic	47½	+½	3.3	6.9	..
33	20½	Ldn Sumatra	33	..	1.7	5.1	..
27½	16½	Majedie	22	..	0.8	3.8	..
8	5½	Malayalam	6¾	..	0.5	8.0	..
66	30	Muar River	50	+3	2.2	4.3	..
53	29½	Pataling	47½	+½	3.3	6.9	..
42	27	Plant Hldgs	39	+½	2.5	6.5	..
13	7	Sungei Krian	£10	..	40.5	4.7	..

TEA

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
105	56	Assam Frontier	105	..	11.0	10.5	..
48	34	Assam Inv	48	..	4.6	9.6	..
75	30	Camellia Inv	73	..	2.2	3.1	..
56	24	Clairmace	48	..	9.2	19.2	..
23	14	Deundi	20	+1	..	..	..
130	130	Doolahat	130 f	..	5.0	3.8	..
126	90	Jokai	119	..	11.0	9.2	..
150	48	McLeod Russel	130	..	9.0	6.9	..
103	84	Moran	103	..	8.9t	8.6	..
40	23	Ouvah Highlds	40	+1	2.4	6.1	..
34¾	19½	Peacock Sasini	30	..	4.2	14.1	..
25	18	Sim India	23	..	..	..	..
19	14	Surmah Valley	19	+3	..	..	..
84	58	Warren Tea	78 •	..	9.9b	12.7	..
75	60	Williamson Hldgs	71	..	6.9	9.8	..

MISCELLANEOUS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
12⅝	6¾	AlgomaCenRly	£11	..	28.0	2.4	17.7
14	5	Antofagasta	£11	..	..	..	6.9
27	12	Calcutta Elec	26	-1	9.0	34.6	..
50	34	E Surrey W 7½%	£47½	..	700	14.7	..
38½	26	Essex Wtr 5%	£35½	..	500	14.1	..
146	46	Felixstowe Dock	146 h	+14	10.0	6.9	16.1
395	140	Imp Cont Gas	345	..	12.3b	3.6	22.2
35½	25	Mid Kent Wtr	£35½	..	500	14.1	..
80	36	Milford Docks	42	..	..	..	9.2
163	65	Nigerian Elec	164	..	15.0b	9.7	..
417	267	Perak Rvr Hydro	365	..	26.9	7.4	18.5
36	26½	Sunderlnd Wtr	£36	..	500	13.9	..

• Ex dividend. a Ex all. b Forecast dividend. c Corrected price. e Interim payment passed. f Price at suspension. g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment. h Bid for company. k Pre-merger figures. n Forecast earnings. p Ex capital distribution. r Ex rights. s Ex scrip or share split. t Tax free. y Price adjusted for late dealings. .. No significant data.

THE TIMES SHARE INDICES

The Times Share Indices for 05.02.76 (base date June 2, 1964 original base date June 2, 1959):—

	Index No. Latest	Div. Yield %	Earnings Yield %	Index No. Previous
The Times Industrial Share Index	169.99	5.72	10.62	170.95
Largest Coys.	169.61	5.56	10.27	170.64
Smaller Coys.	171.34	6.24	9.24	171.97
Capital Goods	179.00	6.01	9.94	179.38
Consumer Goods	193.27	5.79	10.39	194.79
Store Shares	142.38	5.91	6.50	143.01
Largest financial shares	203.18	5.05	—	206.62
Largest financial and industrial shares	176.00	5.46	—	177.49
Commodity shares	239.93	4.03	9.74	242.41
Gold Mining shares	431.84	7.45	11.83	424.32
Industrial debenture stocks	62.92	7.27*	..	62.72
Industrial preference stocks	53.98	12.62*	..	56.06
3½% War Loan	27¼	13.11*	..	27⅛

A record of The Times Industrial Share Indices is given below:—

	High	Low
All-time	198.47 (15.08.72)	60.18 (12.12.74)
1976	171.30 (30.01.76)	159.37 (05.01.76)
1975	156.82 (19.11.75)	61.42 (06.01.75)
1974	136.18 (28.02.74)	60.18 (12.12.74)
1973	189.33 (12.01.73)	120.99 (14.12.73)
1972	198.47 (15.08.72)	174.49 (10.01.72)
1971	174.77 (31.12.71)	122.23 (02.03.71)

* Flat interest yield.

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Court of Appeal

'Subject to contract' effective in compulsory purchase negotiations

Munton v Newham London Borough Council
Before Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Scarman and Lord Justice Goff

The words "subject to contract" inserted in correspondence by the advisers to a man whose house was being compulsorily acquired by a local authority were held to be effective to have prevented compensation of £3,400 agreed in March, 1972, from becoming binding so that when its value went up to £5,100 by December, 1972, when the council took possession, the proper figure for compensation was £5,100.

The Court of Appeal so held in dismissing an appeal by Newham London Borough Council from the Lands Tribunal (Mr Douglas Frank, QC, President) who determined, on a reference by Mr Thomas Munton, that the compensation payable to him on the compulsory acquisition of his house, in Winton Road, London, was £5,100.

Mr Lionel Swift, QC, for the council; Mr Jeremy Sullivan for Mr Munton.

The MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that the case illustrated the difficulty which inflation had brought to the compulsory acquisition of property. In 1969 Newham made a compulsory purchase order in respect of 1,000 houses. Notices to treat were given on September 12, including Mr Munton's house where he lived with his wife and three children.

In the spring of 1971 the district valuer assessed the value of the house at £3,400, to which might be added £100 for disturbance. But the council did not enter into occupation until December, 1972; and by that time the valuer put the value at £5,100, to include disturbance. Everyone knew that by May, 1973, the property market had collapsed; and his Lordship would not be surprised if the value then had dropped to £2,500. The question was what was the proper compensation to be paid to Mr Munton.

But first his Lordship would deal with points on the law on compulsory acquisition in which it differed from the ordinary law of contract as between vendor and purchaser.

It had been established for long that giving notice to treat enabled the acquiring authority to take and bound the owner to sell to them. The cases established that when there was an unconditional agreement fixing the price—by word of mouth or in writing—there was the equivalent of a binding contract between the parties. They started with Lord Hatherley in *Harding v Metropolitan Railway Co* ((1872) 7 Ch App 154, 158) and appeared in the latest edition of *Halsbury Laws of England* (Vol 8, para 136).

Moreover, that equivalent of a contract did not require to fulfil the requirements of section 40 of the Law of Property Act, 1925; and as Mr Justice Parker had said in *Pollard v Middlesex County Council* (1906) 95 LT 870, 875), "statutory agreements arising out of notices to treat are not within the Statute of Frauds and oral evidence of them may therefore be admitted". In practice a contract was never prepared in such cases. After the notice to treat and the agreement on the price, the only remaining matters were completion and conveyance. His Lordship could not agree, on the basis of those authorities, with the President's observations in the present case that section 40 applied and that there must be a sufficient memorandum to satisfy the requirements of the section.

Another matter was whether it was necessary that not only the value of the property itself but also the compensation for disturbance should be agreed. The President seemed to have thought that the two had to be agreed in one lump sum, otherwise it would have been ultra vires. At first sight there was some ground for that view, going back to *IRC v Glasgow South Western Railway Co* ((1887) 12 App Cas 315), where it was held that the compensation not only for the value of the land but also for disturbance could be brought in under one head and quantified for ad valorem stamp duty; but that had been under the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845, which spoke only of the value of lands to be purchased as being one item. In the light of subsequent Acts, starting with the Acquisition of Land Act, 1919, and repeated in the Land Compensation Act, 1961, Parliament itself had made the division; for section 5(6) said: "The provisions of rule (2)"—about "the value of land"—"shall not affect the assessment of compensation for disturbance or any other matter not directly based on the value of land."

As his Lordship read that, and as the court had applied it in *Harvey v Crawley Development Corporation* ([1957] 1 QB 485) and in *Judge Lee v Minister of Transport* ([1966] 1 QB 111), it meant that in both law and practice compensation for the value of the land itself could be treated separately from compensation for disturbance.

Newham Borough Council was anxious to have the point cleared up; so his Lordship would say that it was proper and lawful for an acquiring authority to agree the value of the land or house itself and leave compensation for disturbance to be ascertained later when the property was actually occupied and the owner moved out and would know what he had to pay.

His Lordship said that the question arising in the case was whether there was a firm agreement on the price or value of the land so as to bring into operation the law stated—something equivalent to a contract. The council said that there was an agreement for £3,400 plus disturbance; Mr Munton said that there was no firm agreement because it was "subject to contract".

The question turned largely on the correspondence. Notice to treat was in 1969. Mr Munton, in February, 1971, by his surveyors put in a claim for £3,500 "subject to contract". That was referred to the district valuer, who recommended £3,400 plus any claim for disturbance.

On December 8, 1971, Mr Munton's surveyors wrote: "We understand that this offer is now acceptable to the vendor, subject to contract." The words "subject to contract" recurred all through the correspondence which followed.

In March, 1972, Mr Munton's solicitors wrote saying that he had found alternative accommodation and that the sale could proceed at £3,400 "subject to contract" with vacant possession to be given on completion. The council replied, asking for 10 days' notice to complete. The solicitors replied enclosing a statement for completion on April 27. Mr Swift said that at that point everything was agreed and Mr Munton could have had completion on 10 days' notice; but unfortunately his anticipated rehousing did not eventuate.

There was further correspondence and eventually the council entered into occupation in December, 1972. Then Mr Munton's solicitors said he would not accept the £3,400 previously negotiated and that the estate agents were renegotiating with the district valuer. They did that and the figure was £5,100. Mr Munton was saying that he was not bound by the £3,400 but was entitled to £5,100 as at the date of entry into possession.

The approach to compensation in cases like the present was revolutionized by the House of Lords decision in *West Midland Baptist (Trust) Association v Birmingham Corporation* ([1970] AC 874). For years before that decision the value was taken at the date of the notice to treat and that value was all that mattered. But when inflation came the House had to alter the old law because between the date of the notice to treat and the date when the land was taken it might have increased greatly in value. So the House held that the valuation date, in the absence of agreement, would be when the acquiring authority entered into possession. So unless there had been a binding agreement before entry, the proper value in the present case was £5,100.

The only question was: Was there a binding agreement beforehand as to the price? That turned on the words "subject to contract".

It did not need authority to show that the words were put in habitually by all those advising clients, to show that "Although this figure is there and we agree it, it is not to be a binding agreement. It is only provisional".

The court had considered all the cases, including *Tiverton Estates Ltd v Wearwell Ltd* ([1975] Ch 146). It was of the greatest importance that no doubt should be thrown on the words.

There was a decision of Mr Justice Goff, *Michael Richards Properties Ltd v St Saviours' Parish Wardens, Southwark* ([1975] 3 All ER 416). His Lordship would leave Lord Justice Goff to deal with it; but it was a very special case on its own facts and should not be taken as altering the general principle.

On that point and the effect of "subject to contract" his Lordship agreed with the President. There was nothing the equivalent of a contract binding on the parties before the local authority entered into possession. The value was to be that at the time of entry into possession—£5,100. The appeal should be dismissed.

Lord Justice Scarman agreed.

LORD JUSTICE GOFF, also agreeing, said that *Richards* was a case which superficially bore an attractive similarity to the present—and Mr Swift had relied strongly on it, particularly the passage (at p 424) where his Lordship had stated the special facts and had said: "In the context of a tender document which sets out all the terms of the contract, and which is required to be annexed to the tender offer, it seems to me that the words 'subject to contract' are meaningless . . ."

His Lordship had pointed out that that case turned on its particular facts and had said: "I hope this judgment will not ring warning bells in solicitors' offices." In *Chillingworth v Esche* ([1924] 1 Ch 97) it had been said that it would require a very strong and exceptional case for the clear prima facie meaning of the familiar phrase "subject to contract" to be displaced.

The facts of *Richards* were "strong and exceptional", and his Lordship saw no reason to think that on its particular facts he had decided it wrongly.

But he wanted to make it clear—as he thought he had done—that that case did not throw any doubt on the well-established and well-settled sanctity of the words "subject to contract". The facts of the present case were entirely different; and the use of the phrase in the correspondence gave the well-established protection to Mr Munton's claim.

Solicitors: Mr J. J. Warren; Prestons & Kerlys.

Decisions with reasons

Registrars should give reasons for their decisions, the Court of Appeal said when ordering a new trial on an appeal from a registrar who dismissed, without giving reasons, a wife's application under section 17 of the Married Women's Property Act, 1882.

LORD JUSTICE STAMP said that in *Brunt v Brunt* ((1967) 111 Sol J 604) Lord Justice Willmer said that in his experience it was something of a novelty to hear an appeal in such a matter where the court had no knowledge of the registrar's reasons for dismissing the application. If there was such a practice, it did not commend itself to him. In the present case, as there were no findings of fact, the court was not in a position to form a view of the conflicting evidence and a new trial would be ordered.

LORD JUSTICE ORMROD said that there was an ambiguous reference in *Rayden on Divorce* (12th ed, 1974, vol 1, p 670, note s) to *Brunt v Brunt*. It might have been mis-read by the registrar. That note required reconsideration.

Sir Gordon Willmer agreed.

Queen's Bench Division

GLC film censorship rules valid

Regina v Greater London Council Ex parte Blackburn and Another
Before Lord [illegible], Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Kilner Brown and Mr Justice Watkins

A condition imposed by the Greater London Council on the holders of cinematograph licences that required, in the exhibiting of films, a standard of decency based on the principle that a film should not deprave or corrupt did not oust, but supplemented, the common law test of gross indecency, and was a valid condition. Also, a condition that films should not be exhibited without being passed by the British Board of Film Censors, or without the council's consent, was not ultra vires or unreasonable, because it retained a right of appeal to the council against the board's decision.

The Divisional Court dismissed an application by Mr Raymond Blackburn and Mrs Tessa Marion Blackburn, of Homefield Road, Chiswick, for orders of prohibition to prevent the Greater London Council from exercising its censorship powers in accordance with a test of obscenity which was bad in law, and from acting ultra vires or invalidly in law in delegating its censorship powers to the board, which had no legal existence.

Mr Lewis John Davies, QC, and Mr Gordon Langley for the council; Mr Blackburn in person.

The LORD CHIEF JUSTICE said that Mr Blackburn was concerned with the standard of decency of films shown in the Greater London area. Censorship of films sprang from the Cinematograph Act, 1909, which provided in section 2(1) for the licensing of premises for the purpose of showing films. It sanctioned the imposition by licensing authorities of conditions designed to see that decency was observed in films shown.

The extent to which conditions could be imposed was limited by the test laid down in *Associated Provincial Picture Houses Ltd v Wednesbury Corporation* ([1948] 1 KB 223): in order to attack conditions imposed, it must be shown that no reasonable authority could have enacted them.

The council had published rules which governed the conduct of cinemas and the certification of films. Mr Blackburn was concerned about rule 116. The rule was a condition attached to a cinematograph licence. It said that no film should be exhibited which was likely, among other things, to "tend to deprave and corrupt" persons who were likely to see it.

It was a principle of common law that grossly indecent matters should not be shown anywhere, and thus in the background was a common law standard to which all films must conform. The council had not taken away the common law power to prosecute; what it had done was to supplement it by adding an additional test. The words "deprave and corrupt" were taken from the Obscene Publications Act, 1959, which did not deal with the exhibition of films, so that if the council had not brought the test into rule 116 it would not have applied at all. As it was, the exhibition of films was subject to both the common law test of gross indecency, and the statutory test of "to deprave and corrupt". It was a misconception for Mr Blackburn to say that in some way the common law was being ousted by rule 116.

The rule was supplementing the common law. Mr Blackburn was really concerned with the way it all operated in practice. In many instances a new film was shown to the board, and in practice the council tended to rely on its decision, and there was a tendency to apply only the "deprave and corrupt" test. That might be so. One test tended to appeal more than others and to be used more than others; but that was no reason for holding that rule 116 was in breach of the common law or of the Cinematograph Act.

Mr Blackburn's other main complaint was based on rule 108. That provided that no film should be exhibited unless it had been passed by the board, or the council had expressly consented to its exhibition. The objection was that, by bringing in the board the council was shrugging off its responsibility on to the board. In *Ellis v Dubowski* ([1921] 3 QB 621) a similar question arose, and there the court took the view that the condition was unreasonable and ultra vires and must be quashed. That case would have helped Mr Blackburn, but in a later case, *Mills v London County Council* ([1925] 1 KB 213), the court was concerned with a condition similar to that in the *Ellis* case, except that the express permission of the council was sufficient to allow a film to be shown. It was held that as the effect of the condition was to reserve a right of appeal to the council, the condition was not unreasonable or ultra vires.

The authorities supported Mr Blackburn to the extent that a condition that made the approval of a film the sole concern of the board would be ultra vires. However, a condition that allowed an appeal to the council would be valid.

Rule 116 provided that if a licensee was notified by the council in writing that it objected to the exhibition of a film on any of the grounds contained in rule 16, such film should not be exhibited. Thus there was a power for anyone to appeal to the council and ask it to quash the board's decision. There was authority for the council to reverse the board's decision whichever way it went, either under rule 116 or rule 108. The rules could not be objected to as being unreasonable or an illegal delegation of authority.

None of the orders for prohibition should go.

Mr Justice Kilner Brown agreed.

MR JUSTICE WATKINS, also agreeing, said that the council took its power from statute. The test chosen to apply was that to be found in the Obscene Publications Act, namely, to deprave and corrupt. There was no reason why that test should not be applied, but his Lordship did question whether it was reasonable for that test alone to be applied. The test applied must be reasonable in the public interests. It might be that a rule such as that which did not comprehend the common law test was not a reasonable standard in the circumstances, especially with regard to modern public behaviour and standards of morality.

Solicitors: Mr A. G. Gardner.

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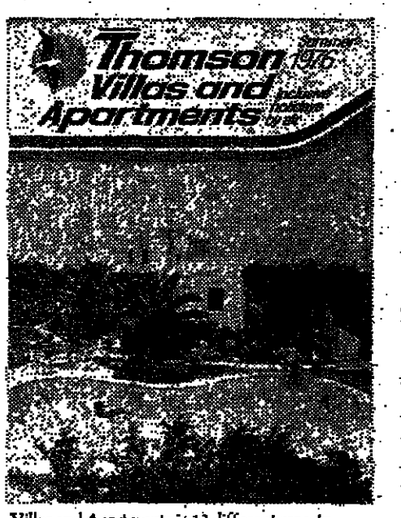
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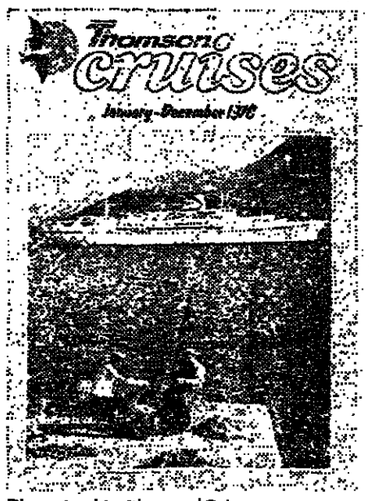
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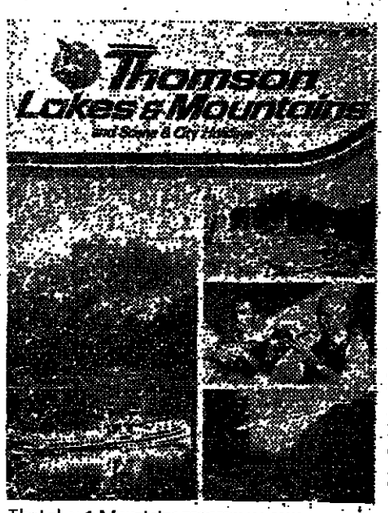
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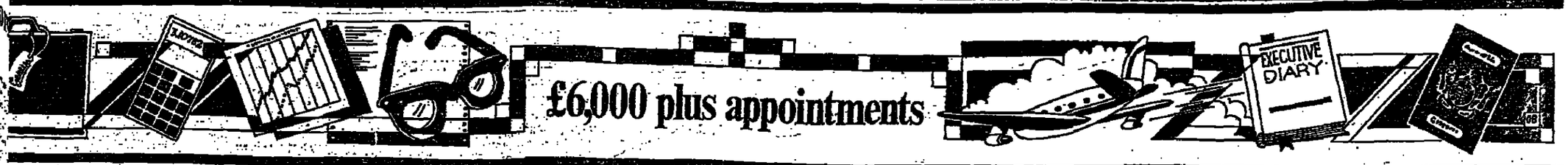
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It is perhaps indicative of just how deeply-rooted are people's fears about future earnings and job-security that so much cash has flooded into "safe" investments which fail lamentably even to keep pace with inflation.

The old assumption that accumulation depends on speculation still holds good, but for an increasing number of executives the prospects of merely holding a job are speculative enough to satisfy even the gamblers' instincts. Seen in this light even earnings themselves become winnings.

However, there are still plenty of adventurous investors around who are prepared to play for both high and low stakes, despite the ravages of inflation and the recent chaos in money and stock markets.

Perhaps mainly as a result of deepening suspicions about the viability of investment in anything directly tied to a weak world economy, speculators have turned to art, antiques, musical instruments and even motor cars on an unprecendented scale.

And although some fortunes have been made, risks still abound. Snuff box speculators for example are just as likely to have caught a cold last year as those who invested in gold bullion. And the list of unusual investment mediums which nosedived last year is perhaps every bit as big as that of the high-fliers.

Such is the growth of interest, however, in new types of investment that leading analysts are having to widen their horizons quite considerably.

One American group has carried out a thorough appraisal of what it calls "shifts in esoteric investment", which provides an interesting guide for the would-be speculator, no matter how high his stakes.

In its latest *World Currency Report*, Pick's of the United States singles out French impressionist paintings and race horses as the best buys that an inflation-worried investor could have made last year.

In fact impressionist works were the surprise of 1975 with an increase of 230 per cent over 1974 prices. The report points out that top auction price for 1974 was $756,000 for Cezanne's La Moisson. Last year's high-spot was $2.5m for Van Gogh's Portrait de Patience Escalier.

Still out of reach for all but the wealthiest speculators, race horses provided an excellent medium for investment in 1975 notching up an average price rise of 125 per cent against a 1974 decline of 50 per cent.

Pick's notes for example that while the thoroughbred Apalachee made $2m in 1974, the Kentucky Derby winner in 1975, Foolish Pleasure, fetched a spectacular $4.5m.

Coming only slightly down-market, Pick's reports that water-colours also rose during the year—an average 128 per cent.

Meanwhile, Picasso almost single-handedly turned round a 1974 decline of 80 per cent in post impressionist paintings. In evidence the report points out that his Harlequin avec Violin was bought for $1.35m by the Cleveland Museum, while his 1900 still-life Outside the Bullring was offered for a million dollars.

Dropping to more reasonable price ranges, Pick's records that antique silver generally rose 45 per cent, and Oriental paintings 90 per cent.

Books and manuscripts reached prices 84 per cent above those of the previous year while jade investors were generally rewarded with a rise of about 61 per cent.

Meanwhile, the paperweight market was particularly bullish recording a rise of 52 per cent following a drop of 45 per cent in 1974.

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Tapestries continued to push ahead after a substantial 1974 rise while modern European paintings climbed about 18 per cent, icons, 10 to 12 per cent and French furniture just 2 per cent on the heels of a spectacular 115 per cent in 1974.

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Dated this 27th day of January, 1976.

J. B. ATKINSON, Liquidator.

LEGAL NOTICES

No. 00203 of 1976

In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Companies Court. In the Matter of COOPER HOLYOAK AND COMPANY Limited and In the Matter of the Companies Act 1948.

Notice is hereby given that a PETITION for the WINDING UP of the above-named Company by the High Court of Justice was on the 21st day of January 1976 presented to the said Court by Norwich Union Fire Insurance Society Limited whose registered office is situate at Surrey Street, Norwich. And that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL, on the 23rd day of February 1976, and any creditor or contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing in person or by his Counsel for that purpose; and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

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No 00274 of 1976

In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Companies Court. In the Matter of WARRANT INVESTMENTS Limited In the Matter of the Companies Act, 1948

Notice is hereby given that a PETITION for the WINDING UP of the above-named Company by the High Court of Justice was on the 26th day of January 1976 presented to the said Court by The Commissioners of Inland Revenue, of Somerset House, Strand, London, WC2R 1LB and that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, on the 1st day of March 1976, and any creditor or contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing in person or by his Counsel, for that purpose, and a Copy of the Petition will be furnished to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring the same by the undersigned on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

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Notice is hereby given, pursuant to *Section* 293 of the Companies Act, 1948, that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held at 76, New Cavendish Street, London, W1M 8AH, on Thursday, the 19th day of February, 1976 at 2.30 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 294 and 295 of the said Act.

Dated this 30th day of January, 1976.

KENNETH EDMUND BIRKS Director.

In the Matter of INTERNATIONAL BULK CARRIERS S.A. A Company incorporated in Panama

By Order of the Companies Court, Chancery Division, in the High Court of Justice, dated the 4th day of December 1975, Mr EDWARD McGUIRE of Bucklersbury House, Bucklersbury, London, EC4P 4BN, has been APPOINTED LIQUIDATOR of the above-named Company with a Committee of Inspection.

Dated this 3rd day of February 1976.

E. McGUIRE Liquidator.

LEGAL NOTICES

No. 00207 of 1976

In the HIGH COURT OF JUS[TICE] Chancery Division Companies Co[urt] In the Matter of CA[...] GARAGES Limited and [...] Matter of The Companies Act [...]

Notice is hereby given [...] PETITION for the WINDING [UP of] the above-named Company [...] High Court of Justice was [...] 20th day of January 1976 [presen]ted to the said Court by [...] Bank International Limited wh[ose] registered office is at 54 Lomb[ard] Street, London EC3 and that [the] said Petition is directed to [be] heard before the Court sitting [at] the Royal Courts of Justice, Str[and,] London W.C.2 on Monday the [...] day of February 1976, and [any] creditor or contributory of the [said] Company desirous to support [or] oppose the making of an Order [on] the said Petition may appear [at] the time of hearing in person [or] by his Counsel for that purpose [and] a copy of the Petition will be fu[rn]ished by the undersigned to [any] creditor or contributory of the [said] Company requiring such copy [on] payment of the required charge [for] the same.

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BRIAN MILLS, Liquidator.

In the Matter of The Companies A[ct] 1948 and In the Matter of BLA[...] EAMES SUSLAK SIR PATRI[CK] CROFTON Limited (In Volunta[ry] Liquidation).

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Dated this 30th day of Janua[ry] 1976.

P. GRANVILLE WHITE, Liquidator.

No. 002360 of 1975

In the HIGH COURT of JUSTI[CE] Chancery Division Companies Co[urt] In the Matter of INTERNATIONA[L] TAPES (U.K.) Limited and In [the] Matter of the Companies Act, 19[48]

By Order of the High Court [of] Justice, Chancery Division, dat[ed] the 28th day of October, 19[75] GERALD CHARLES De GRE[...] ANDERSON of 854/856, High Str[eet] North, Manor Park, London, E[12] 6QN, Chartered Accountant, h[as] been appointed LIQUIDATOR of t[he] above named Company with [a] COMMITTEE of INSPECTION.

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11.00-11.25 am, Play School. 6.15, Open University. Electrons in Motion. 5.40, An Architect at Work. 7.05, Dressmaker.
7.30 Newsday.
7.50 Landscapes of England 4: Landscapes of Peace and War.
8.15 Money Programme. Public Affluence—Private Squalor ?
9.00 Oscar Peterson's Piano Party.
9.45 Get the Drift.
10.15 Fall of Eagles. The Appointment.
11.10 Newsnight.
11.25-11.30 Bernard Hepton reads Abbey Tomb, by Patricia Beer.

Southern

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Southern News. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Women Only. 2.30, Film. Jack McCall Desperado (1956), with George Montgomery, Angela Stevens. 3.55, Thames. 5.20, Sinbad Junior. 5.25, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.00, Day by Day. Scene South East. 6.35, Out of Town. 7.05, Two's Company. 7.35, London. 8.30, Yus My Dear. 9.00, London. 10.30, Southern Report. 11.00, Film. The Murder Game, with Ken Scott, Marla Landi.* 12.20 am, Southern News. 12.30, Weather. Guideline.

Anglia

12.00, Thames. 1.25 pm, Anglia News. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Food File. 2.30, Film: In Broad Daylight, with Richard Boone, Suzanne Pleshette. 3.55, Thames. 6.00, About Anglia. 6.35, ATV. 7.00, Survival. 7.30, Miss Anglia '76. 8.30, London. 10.30, Probe. 11.00, Hawkins. 12.20 am, Your Music at Night.

Scottish

12.00, Thames. 1.25 pm, Road Report. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Housecall. 2.30, Out of Town. 3.00, The Inheritors. 3.55, Thames. 5.20, Lacesbuttonporpers. 5.25, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.00, Scotland Today. 6.30, Six Million Dollar Man. 7.30, ATV. 8.00, Combat. 9.00, London. 10.30, Ways and Means. 11.00, Late Call. 11.05-12.30 am, Film: Ship of Fools, part 1, with Vivien Leigh, Simone Signoret, Lee Marvin, George Segal.*

Border

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Border News. 1.30, Thames. 2.30, The Splendour Falls. 2.55, Ripping. 3.55, Thames. 6.00, Border News. 6.35, ATV. 7.00, Mr and Mrs. 7.30, London. 10.30, Border Forum. 11.00, Film. Dead or Alive, with Alex Cord, Robert Ryan. 12.40 am, Border News.

Grampian

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Grampian News Headlines. 1.30, Thames. 2.30, Out of Town. 3.00, The Saint. 3.55, Thames. 6.00, Grampian Today. 6.35, ATV. 7.00, Kenneth McKellar. 7.30, ATV. 8.00, London. 10.30, Indoor League. 11.00, Film. Dr Blood's Coffin, with Kieron Moore, Hazel Court. 12.35 am, Prayers.

Thames

12.00, A Handful of Songs. 12.10 pm, Rainbow. 12.30, Paint Along with Nancy. 1.00, News. 1.20, Lunchtime Today. 1.30, Crown Court. 2.00, Good Afternoon. 2.30, Galloping Gourmet. 3.00, The Big Valley. 3.55, General Hospital. 4.20, The Georgian House. 4.50, Magpie. 5.20, University Challenge.
5.50 News.
6.00 It Could Happen to You.
6.35 Crossroads.

London Weekend

7.00 pm, Candid Camera Classics.
7.30 Hawaii Five-O.
8.30 Yes—Honestly.
9.00 Bouquet of Barbed Wire.
10.00 News.
10.30 Police Five.
10.40 Russell Harty.
11.30 Movin' On.
12.30 am, What the Bibles Say.

Yorkshire

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Calendar News. 1.30, Thames. 2.30, Here Comes the Future. 2.55, House-party. 3.25, Farmhouse Kitchen. 3.55, Thames. 6.00, Calendar. 6.35, ATV. 7.00, Man About the House. 7.30, ATV. 8.00, London. 10.30, Calendar Sport. 10.45-12.30 am, Film. The Fly, with David Hedison, Patricia Owens, Vincent Price, Herbert Marshall.

ATV

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, ATV News. 1.30, Thames. 2.30, Film. Murder at the Gallop, with Margaret Rutherford, Robert Morley, Flora Robson.* 3.55, Thames. 5.20, Indoor League. 5.50, News. 6.00, ATV Today. 6.35, Crossroads. 7.00, Yus My Dear. 7.30, Sale of the Century. 8.00, Hawaii Five-O. 9.00, London. 10.30, Extra Time. 11.00-12.30 am, Film. Moon of the Wolf, with David Janssen, Barbara Rush.

Granada

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, This Is Your Right. 1.30, Thames. 2.30, Film. Dennis Weaver in Female Artillery. 3.55, Thames. 5.15, Chuckleheads.* 5.20, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.00, Granada Reports. 6.35, Space 1999. 7.35, ATV. 8.05, The Magician. 9.00, London. 10.30, Kick-Off. 11.05, Film. David Niven in Eye of the Devil.* 12.40-1.15 am, Douglas Fairbanks presents.*

Tyne Tees

12.00, Thames. 2.30 pm, The Saint. 3.25, Farmhouse Kitchen. 3.55, Thames. 6.00, North-East News. 6.05, Division. 6.35, ATV. 7.00, London. 7.30, ATV. 9.00, London. 10.30, Sportstime. 11.00, Film: Cutter, with Peter Deuel, Cameron Mitchell. 12.25 am, Epilogue.

Radio

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6.00 am, News. Colin Berry.† 7.00, Noel Edmonds. 9.00, Tony Blackburn. 12.00, Johnnie Walker. 2.02 pm, David Hamilton.† 4.30, Rosko's Round Table. 5.45, Newsbeat. 6.02, Sam Costa.† 6.45, Sports Desk. 7.02, Treble Chance Knockout Quiz. 7.30, Play It Again.† 8.02, John Gregory.† 9.02, Music Night.† 10.02, Sports Desk. 10.05, Sequence Time.† 11.00, John Peel.† 12.00-12.05 am, News.
† Stereo.

2
6.00 am, Radio 1. 7.02, Terry Wogan.† (8.27, Racing bulletin.) 9.02, Pete Murray.† (10.30, Waggoners' Walk.) 11.20, Jimmy Young.† 2.02 pm, Radio 1. 4.30, Waggoners' Walk. 4.45, Sports Desk. 4.47, Sam Costa.† 6.45, Radio 1. 11.02, Len Jackson. 12.00-12.05 am, News.

3
7.00 am, News. 7.05, Haydn, Mozart, Boccherini.† 8.00, News. 8.05, Stravinsky, Prokofiev, Rimsky-Korsakov.† 9.00, News. 9.05, Mozart.† 9.35, Sibelius and the Kalevala.† 10.30, Cantores in Ecclesia: Part 1, Brahms, Liszt, Tallis, Palestrina.† 11.00, Reading: 11.10, Concert: Part 2, Byrd, Maxwell Davies, Messiaen.† 11.45, The Baroque Cello: Talk with illustrations.† 12.15 pm, Concert: Part 1, Mozart, Chopin.† 1.00, News. 1.05, Playbill.† 1.20, Concert: Part 2, Berlioz, Roussel.† 2.00, Joan and Hester Dickson (cello and piano): Vivaldi, Beethoven, Janacek, Kenneth Leighton, Strauss.† 3.25, Shostakovich Symphonies.† 4.15, Leeds International Piano Competition: Haydn, Beethoven, Mendelssohn, Brahms.† 5.25, Pied Piper.† 5.45, Homeward Bound.† 6.05, News. 6.10, Homeward Bound (continued).† 6.30, It's Catching. 7.00, Special Report. 7.10, Listen Here. 7.30-11.55, Hungarian Evening: 7.30, Socialism and Reality: Talk by Ian McIntyre. 8.00, BBC Symphony Orchestra: Part 1, Sandor Balassa, Ligeti.† 8.35, Talk: Part 2. 8.55, Concert: Part 3, Bartok.† 10.05, Why I Did It: Radio documentary by Peter Boronich.† 11.05, Concert: Zoltan Jeney, Laszlo Sary.† 11.25, Pilinszky's Poetry. 11.55-12.00, News.

4
6.20 am, News. 6.22, Farming. 6.40, Prayer. 6.45, Today. 7.00, News and more of Today. 8.00, News and more of Today. 8.45, Yesterday in Parliament. 9.00, News. 9.05, Voice of the People: 031-452 3452. 10.00, News. 10.05, Checkpoint. 10.30, Service. 10.45, Story. 11.00, News. 11.05, Something to Declare. 11.50, When Music was Magic. 12.00, News. 12.02 pm, You and Yours. 12.27, Oh! Get on with It! 12.55, Weather.
1.00, News. 1.30, The Archers. 1.45, Woman's Hour. 2.45, Listen with Mother. 3.00, News. 3.05, Play. Tu-whit, Tu-whoo . . . ! 4.00, News. 4.05, Any Answers ? 4.35, Story. Framley Parsonage. 5.00, PM Reports. 5.55, Weather. 6.00, News. 6.15, Top of the Form. 6.45, The Archers. 7.00, News. 7.30, Pick of the Week. 8.30, Any Questions ? 9.15, Letter from America. 9.30, Kaleidoscope. 9.59, Weather. 10.00, News. 10.45, A Book at Bedtime. A Handful of Dust. 11.00, The Financial World Tonight. 11.15, Today in Parliament. 11.25, Week Ending. 11.40, News. 12.01-12.04 am, Inshore Forecast.

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BIRTHS

COBB.—On Tuesday, 3rd February, at Queen Charlotte's, to Jean (nee Moffatt) and Nigel—a daughter, a sister for Jonathan.

CORNWALL.—On February 4th, 1976, at the Matilda Hospital, Hongkong, to Juliet (nee Lindsay) and Richard Cornwall—a son (Adrian).

ELLIOTT LOCKHART.—On February 4th, at Thornyflat, Ayr, to Nicola (nee Normand) and Richard Elliott Lockhart—a son.

GOODCHILD.—On January 31st, at the Middlesex hospital, to Philippa (nee Evans) and Peter Goodchild—a son (Nicholas Peter).

KIELY.—On February 4th at West Hill Hospital, Dartford, to Susan (nee Dennison) and Brian—a son (Lucas Alexander), a brother for Shelley.

PETRE.—On 5th February, 1976, at St. Teresa's, Wimbledon, to Caroline and Robert Petre—a son.

REISS McCULLOCH.—On February 4th, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, W.6, to Amanda and Andrew—a daughter.

THOMPSON.—On February 2nd, 1976, to Jan (nee Hobbs) and David, at the Birmingham Maternity Hospital—a daughter (Charlotte Sophia), a sister to Thomas.

GOLDEN WEDDINGS

FERGER : BRANSON.—On February 6th, 1926, at St. Andrew's Church, Stoke Newington, Stanley Ferger to Miriam Branson, now at 52 Hallam Street, W.1.

TOLLEMACHE : TAYLOR.—On the 6th February, 1926, at St. John's Church, Eastbourne, by the Rev. Canon Salwey, assisted by the Rev. Canon Streatfield, Mr. Humphry Thomas Tollemache, Royal Marines, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lyonel Tollemache, to Nora Priscilla Taylor, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Taylor.

DEATHS

ALLISON-BEER.—On February 3rd, 1976, George Allison-Beer, aged 83 years, of Southborough Court, Southborough, Tunbridge Wells, beloved husband of the late Olive and much loved father of Lesley, Martin and Anne and grandfather of Stephanie, Rosemary, David, Angela, Anthony, Michael and Lysbeth. Member of the Court of Common Council of the City of London for 31 years. Funeral service will take place at St. Thomas's Church, Pennington Road, Southborough on Thursday, February 12th at 3.15 p.m. followed by Cremation. Inquiries to J. Kempster & Sons, Funeral Directors, 2 & 4 Albion Road, Tunbridge Wells. Tel.: 25151.

BAKER.—On 4th February, 1976, at home, Alec Lowe Baker, husband of Frances. Funeral service at St. Nicolas Church, Old Shoreham, Sussex, on Tuesday, 10th February, at 12 noon, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only but donations if desired to St. Joseph's Home, Hove, may be sent to Mr. L. Legg, 1-3 Euston Buildings, Brighton.

BUDGETT.—On February 4th, at Waterloo House, Brill, Bucks., Alastair Francis, beloved husband of Hope, and father of David, Benjamin and Virginia. Funeral at Brill Church, on Tuesday, February 10th, at 3 o'clock. Flowers to Wilsons Funeral Directors, Haddenham, Bucks., or donations for All Saints Church, Brill. Memorial service to be announced.

CONSTABLE.—On February 3rd, William George, of Cambridge, Mass., in his 89th year. Survived by his wife Olivia, his sons John and Giles and five grandchildren.

CORDELL.—On February 4th, 1976, at Addenbrooke's hospital, Cambridge. The Reverend Alfred Edward Cordell, after a short illness. Requiem mass at St Giles church, Cambridge, on Monday, February 9th, at 7.30 p.m. Funeral service at St. Giles church, on Tuesday, February 10th, at 2.30 p.m., followed by cremation. Flowers may be sent to W. Eaden Lilley's Private Chapel, Mill Lane, Cambridge.

DIETRICH.—On Wednesday, February 4, at Guy's Hospital, London, after a long illness, Violet Kathleen St. George Dietrich (nee Breakey), M.D., F.R.C.P.I., aged 55, beloved wife of Doctor Herbert J. Dietrich, mother of Guy and Mary—all of Philadelphia, U.S.A., and Oxford. Funeral service on Sunday, February 8th, at 3 p.m., in Southwark Cathedral, London Bridge. Friends may gather in the Harvard Chapel, reached via the North aisle of the Cathedral, from an hour before the service. Burial will be private at Bladon in Oxfordshire.

DODGSON.—On 3rd February, 1976, in London, Antoinette Carroll Dodgson. Service Putney Vale Crematorium, Wednesday, 11th February, 1976, 3.30 p.m. Flowers to J. H. Kenyon Ltd., 49 Marloes Road, W.8.

DUFF, Ruth Gordon, of N.Y.C. (formerly of London), on January 15, 1976. Services were held in N.Y.C. on January 19.

FELL.—On 4th February, John, beloved husband of Ann Fell and dearest father of Sheila Mary. Cremation at Carlisle on Monday, 9th February, at 11 a.m.

FENTIMAN.—On February 4th Thea (nee Theodora Instone), very much loved sister of Mary, Anna, Pat and Edwina.

FERGUSON.—On 2nd February, 1976, Albert James, son of the late George and Elizabeth.

GALLIMORE.—On 4th February, 1976, at the Derbyshire Royal Infirmary, Derby, and of 425 Burton Road, Derby, John Lambeth Gallimore, aged 49 years, the dearly loved husband of Eileen and dear father of Simon and Nicholas. Funeral Tuesday, 10th February. Service 11.45 a.m. at Markeaton Crematorium, Derby. Family flowers only, please; if desired donations to the Derbyshire Royal Infirmary for Neurosurgical Research.

GAUNT.—On February 4th, 1976, Muriel Elizabeth, aged 73 years, of Bridge House, Pannal, Harrogate, dearly loved wife of Reginald W. Gaunt and daughter of the late Ernest and Ann Ross, of Bramley. Service at Pannal Parish Church, on Monday, February 9th, at 2.30 p.m., followed by private cremation. No flowers, please, at her request, but donations, if desired, may be sent to Harrogate Flower Fund Homes, National Westminster Bank, 5 Cambridge Crescent, Harrogate.

GORDON.—On February 4th, suddenly, at St. George's Hospital, Blanche, widow of Robin and mother of Margaret Ann. Service at Woking Crematorium, on Wednesday, February 11th at 11.30 a.m. Flowers and enquiries to J. H. Kenyon Ltd., 74 Rochester Row, S.W.1. Tel.: 01-834 4624.

GRANGER-TAYLOR.—On February 4th, suddenly, Barbara, mother of Claudia and Hero. Funeral at Golders Green Crematorium, West Chapel, Monday, February 9th, at 3.30 p.m. No flowers.

HAIGH.—On 1st February, 1976, peacefully in hospital, Elisabeth, aged 55 years. Youngest daughter of Dr. Bernard and Mrs. Dorothy Ralph, of Worthing, Sussex. The funeral has taken place.

HALFNIGHT.—On 3rd Feb., 1976, Grace Alice (Queenie), of Pine Trees, Whincroft Park, Crowborough, dearly loved wife of Hubert and mother of John and devoted "Mother" to Jenny, and beloved granny to her grandchildren Lynne and Pippa. Service at Kent and Sussex Crematorium, Benhall Mill Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, at 3 p.m., Wednesday, 11th February. Flowers and inquiries to W. & F. Groombridge, at 31 Quarry Hill Road, Tonbridge. Telephone: Tonbridge 3964.

HOROBIN.—On February 3rd, peacefully, in a Brighton Hospital, Norah Maud, daughter of the late J. C. Horobin, sometime principal of Homerton College, Cambridge, and the late Mrs Cloudesley Brereton, formerly headmistress of Dulwich High School and Sunderland High School, and between 1947-1961 Roedean School, Brighton. Cremation service at the Downs Crematorium, Brighton, on Wednesday, at 12 noon. Flowers please to 29 College Place, Brighton.

HUTCHISON.—On Feb. 5th, 1976, in Malvern, Worcs., John Campbell Sutherland Miller Hutchison, M.B.E., aged 87, formerly of The Upper House, Alfrick, Worcs. Funeral at Alfrick Church, 2 p.m., Tues., 10th Feb. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Friends of the Elderly, Davenham, Malvern.

JACKSON.—On February 3rd, in her 89th year, Mrs. Gwendoline Doris Jackson, O.B.E., widow of Dr. Robert Jackson, late of St. Helens, and Penmaenmawr. Cremation will take place on Monday, February 9th, at 1.30, at Colwyn Bay. Enquiries to Thomas Owen & Son, Ltd. Telephone Llandudno 76875. No flowers, by request but if desired donations to R.S.P.C.A.

JOHNSTON.—On February 4th, 1976, at Linksway Nursing Home, Exmouth, Kathleen Mary Caroline Johnston, aged 85, wife of the late Rev. Arthur Johnston, sometime Vicar of Heavitree, Exeter, and only daughter of the late Rudolf and Millier Wissman, of Old Heavitree House, Exeter. Funeral service and interment at Heavitree Parish Church and Churchyard, Exeter, Wednesday, February 11th, 12 noon.

LIVESEY.—On February 4th, aged 69, Roger, darling brother of Peggy. Funeral arrangements to be announced later.

MEREDITH.—On 29th January, peacefully in New York, Adam Theodore (known to the bridge world as Plum), second son of the late Prof. H. O. Meredith.

MOLD.—On February 4th, 1976, suddenly, Clarence Edward Mold, aged 75, of Chipstead, Surrey. Cremation at South London Crematorium on Tuesday, 10th February, 2.40 p.m.

MULLINS.—On February 4th, in hospital at Grahamstown, South Africa, Hubert, younger son of the late Major C. H. Mullins, V.C., and Mrs Mullins, husband of the late Anne Mullins. Funeral in Grahamstown today.

NIVEN.—On February 4th, 1976, at Winchester, Brigadier Robert John Niven, M.C., late R.A.M.C. Service at St. Andrew's Garrison Church, Church of Scotland, Aldershot, on Tuesday, February 10th, at 11.15 a.m. Family flowers only. Donations may be sent to The Imperial Cancer Research Fund, Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C.2.

PARRATT.—On Wednesday, February 4th, suddenly at his home, L. F. (Bob). Cremation at Barham, February 11th at 11.30 a.m. Flowers to C. W. Lyons, Military Road, Canterbury.

PEARCE.—On February 4th, 1976, after a short illness, Mabel Jane (Mary), beloved mother of Joyce (her last words "God is Love, have no fear."). Funeral Monday, February 9th. Service: Christchurch, Woking, at 2 p.m. followed by interment at Brookwood Cemetery. Family flowers only but donations if desired to the Ockenden Venture.

PIRIE.—On 4th February, peacefully, in a nursing home, Elizabeth (Vickie), formerly of Calcutta, widow of Alan Grant Pirie, Advocate of Aberdeen, and mother of Elizabeth (Julia). Funeral, 11th February, 3 p.m., at Putney Vale Crematorium. Flowers to J. H. Kenyon, 49, Marloes Road, W.8, by midday.

RICHES.—On Feb. 4, 1976, peacefully, at Unsted Park Nursing Home, Godalming, Richard Harry Riches, aged 80, late of Widnell and Trollope and of "Spindleberries", West Clandon, devoted husband of the late Lily, father of Richard, beloved husband of Marjorie; dearest grandad Dick. Service at St. Peter and St Paul, West Clandon, Surrey, at 11 a.m. Monday, 9th February, followed by cremation at Woking Crematorium at 11.45 a.m. Flowers may be sent to R. Walker, Parkside, West Clandon, Surrey.

RIGGS.—On 5th February, peacefully, at home, Beacon Cottage, Aldeburgh, Tom, beloved husband of Olive and father of Pamela and Richard. Funeral private. Family flowers only, please.

RITCHIE.—On February 4th, after a short illness, William, aged 85 years, of 2 St. Georges Avenue, Weymouth, formerly a director of The Imperial Tobacco Company of Great Britain and Ireland, a much loved husband, father and grandfather. Service at The Weymouth Crematorium, on Tuesday, 10th February, at 11 a.m. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Weymouth Lifeboat, c/o Mrs. Neal, 3 Trinity Terrace, Weymouth or League of Friends, Weymouth and District Hospital.

SHERWIN.—On 28th January, in peace and happiness, Kathleen Sanderson. Her love of life is an inspiration to Tessa, Jane, Camilla, Amy and all who knew her well. Private service was held at West London Crematorium.

STEWART.—On 4th Feb., 1976, peacefully at the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, Silvia Lennox, of Rockbank, 13 Brompton Terrace, Perth. Beloved wife of the late Duncan M. Stewart, service in St. Michael's and All Saints Church, Brougham Street, Edinburgh, on Monday, 9th Feb., at 1.30 p.m. Funeral thereafter to Grange Cemetery, Grange Rd., Edinburgh at 2.00 p.m.

SYME, DAVID FARNELL, of Struan St. Toorak, Melbourne, Australia, on January 23, beloved husband of Sylvia.

VEITCH.—On 5th February, 1976, suddenly, David Young Veitch, M.C., T.D., C.A. (former Commanding Officer of the Ayrshire (E.C.O.) Yeomanry and proud member of the High Constables and Guard of Honour of Holyrood House, of Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, dearly loved husband of Catharine and dearly loved father of George, Derek and Eileen. Service at Kirk of the Greyfriars, Edinburgh, on Tuesday, 10th February, at 12 noon, to which all friends are invited. Cremation thereafter private. No flowers or letters, please.

VERNER.—On February 3rd, 1976, Ruth Wingfield, aged 73, at Mount Alvernia, Guildford, after a sudden illness, eldest daughter of the late Sir Edward W. Verner, Bart. and the late Lady Verner, of Seale and Worplesdon, Surrey. Cremation Monday, February 9th, at 3.30 p.m. Aldershot Crematorium. Family flowers only.

WALKER.—On February 5th, Ronald Acars, of Ightham Place, Kent, beloved husband of Iris, after a long illness. No flowers or letters, please. Cremation private. Donations, if desired, to League of Friends of Sevenoaks Hospital.

WIDDOWSON.—On 4th February, 1976, in his 80th year, suddenly, at his home, Elm Tree Cottage, Failand, nr. Bristol, William Henry Widdowson, husband of the late Mary Bartholomew, father of John and Richard Widdowson and of Mary Barker, and grandfather of Victoria, Bill, Ian, Andrew, Charmian, Nicola, Roderick, Katie and Alison. Headmaster of Kingswood Training School, Bristol, from 1925 until 1948. Funeral service at Failand Church, at 11.15 a.m., on Monday, 9th February, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, but donations in his memory may be sent to the Treasurer, Failand School.

FUNERAL

THOMPSON, JOAN THURSTON.—Cremation at Bedford Chapel, Golders Green Crematorium, 2.10 p.m., on Monday, 9th February. No flowers, but donations, if desired, to a favourite charity.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

NEVILLE-ROLFE.—A memorial service for Dorothy will be held at St. Paul's, Wilton Place, Knightsbridge, on Friday, 27th February at 12.15 p.m.

TURQUET.—A memorial service for Dr. P. M. Turquet will be held at St. Paul's Girls' Preparatory School, Luxemburg Gardens, London, W.6, at 11 a.m. on Saturday, 14th February, 1976. All parents of past and present pupils and all former pupils and friends of the school are invited to attend.

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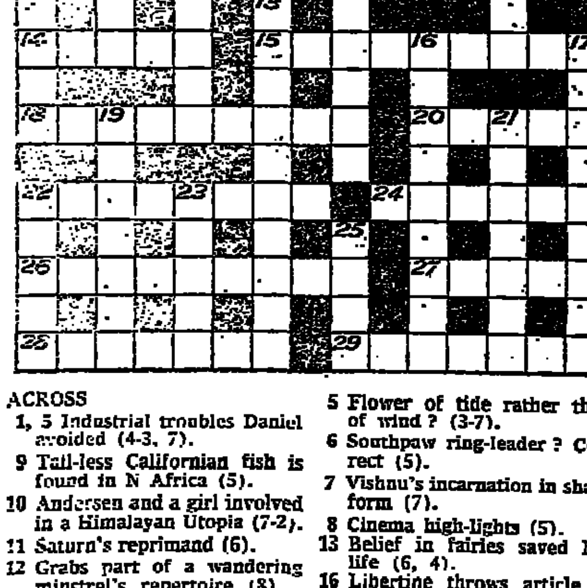
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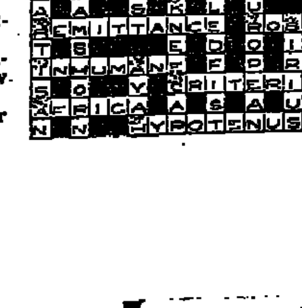
ACROSS

1, 5 Industrial troubles Daniel avoided (4-3, 7).
9 Tail-less Californian fish is found in N Africa (5).
10 Andersen and a girl involved in a Himalayan Utopia (7-2).
11 Saturn's reprimand (6).
12 Grabs part of a wandering minstrel's repertoire (8).
14 Love a number—played on this pipe? (5).
15 I am to act as peace-maker without delay (9).
18 Finished and captured as Atalanta was at last (9).
20 Ardennes battle—fought by weight-watchers? (5).
22 Perhaps one sort of gem (8).
24 Elegiac jmeller (6).
26 Contract by representative containing mere nonsense (9).
27 One follows one in top gear in Hispaniola (5).
28 Friend is about certain to make a come-back in examination (7).
29 The war's spoils won by the victors (7).

DOWN

1 But not the sport of white horses (5-4).
2 This print's £1 and no reduction (7).
3 With money we raised teachers have something to chew on (6-3).
4 Wet, this river? None wetter (4).
5 Flower of tide rather than of wind? (3-7).
6 Southpaw ring-leader? Correct (5).
7 Vishnu's incarnation in shark form (7).
8 Cinema high-lights (5).
13 Belief in fairies saved her life (6, 4).
16 Libertine throws article in East German book in the river (9).
17 What a bloomer for top people! (9).
19 He heard the nightingale long before Keats (7).
21 Radical thinker abandoned its reform (7).
22 Topping trophy! (5).
23 Observes no women journalists (5).
25 Wind veering 90 degrees? So pack (4).

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